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MEDIA RELEASE

Slow-No-Wake Declared on Rock River for 4th of July Celebration

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Following discussions with officials from the City of Beloit, Sheriff Fell is declaring a slow-no-wake speed restriction on the Rock River from BR Townline Rd Bridge in the Town of Beloit to the Beloit Dam on July 4, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. This area of the Rock River becomes very chaotic and dangerous due to the large number of boats on the Rock River for the 4th of July fireworks celebration. The slow-no-wake speed restriction will help ensure that all boaters are traveling at a safe speed before and after the event.

Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Beloit Water Patrol units will be on the water on July 4, and will enforce safety violations, including the slow-no-wake ordinance. Safety is Sheriff Fell's primary concern during the 4th of July celebration; he encourages all boaters to boat safely throughout the festivities.

The Sheriff's Office is providing public notice of the Rock River's slow-no-wake status during the 4th of July celebration. Deputies will place slow-no-wake signs along the river at all public access points between Happy Hollow Park and the Beloit Dam on the morning of July 4.

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