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Inmate Workers to Fix Potholes in the City of Waterloo

Beginning Tuesday, February 16th, residents will be seeing inmates following behind city maintenance trucks, filling potholes, in a cooperative effort between the City of Waterloo and the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office.

The venture is the first of its kind since the inception of the new Inmate Worker Program at the Black Hawk County Jail. Inmates will be outfitted and equipped with the necessary safety equipment and will work with the Waterloo Street Department to ensure that many of the roadway holes, resulting for this year's extreme winter weather, are remedied.

"This is another outstanding way for our inmates to have positive impact on our communities and to demonstrate to them that they are able to have a positive influence rather than always negative. I think the public will certainly be appreciative of the efforts that our inmate workers will be exerting on the city's behalf." says Sheriff Tony Thompson.

New city mayor Buck Clark and Sheriff Thompson have had several discussions regarding ways that the Inmate Worker Program and the Sheriff's Office as a whole can have an improved impact on the city and this will be the first overt venture in that "spirit of cooperation".

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