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The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Auxiliary House Watch program has been in existence for twenty years. It has been an important part of our efforts to prevent crime and project a sense of security for our citizens. Unfortunately, the high cost of fuel and budget constraints have forced us to suspend vacation house watches.

I want to assure you that reducing patrols at any level is the last thing I want to do. All options were considered before we made this decision. However, the Sheriff's Office depends on our local legislative body to provide a budget which supports operations. This year, the necessary support simply was not there.

As always, we will do the best we can with the resources we have. You are welcome to call me or visit me at our office if you have any questions or concerns. You may also call our Emergency Management Specialist, Mike Dingle, who coordinates our volunteer services.

Very Sincerely,

Sheriff Harvey Gjesdal