

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the Wisconsin Army National Guard will start a remodeling project on June 10, 2015, of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office Range located at S3699 Kopplin Road in the Township of Lincoln. The original range was built in 1986 and is in need of updating. The scope of the project will provide enhancement of berms and construction of a new building with an indoor restroom and classroom. The range will be utilized for law enforcement use only including training on all aspects of law enforcement.

The Wisconsin Army National Guard will utilize the project to help train Troops in specialized disciplines such as large machinery operations or design and construction for example. The County will benefit from the skilled National Guard Troops who will construct berms, assist with design plans, and construction of the range building at no labor cost to the County. The estimated project value if contracted out is estimated at \$600,000, however because of the partnership the cost is estimated at \$65-\$70,000 or materials only.

The Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin Army National Guard will hold an open house on June 10, 2015, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the range on Kopplin Road. We will hold a brief press conference at 1:30 p.m. and answer questions. Media may arrive at 1:15 p.m. to set up. The open house will end at 2:30 p.m. as construction is slated to start at that time.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Eau Claire County Board for the support of the much needed repairs and building. We would also like to thank the Wisconsin Army National Guard for their assistance with planning the project that started in 2011. We look forward to the finalization of the project that is slated for completion in the spring of 2016.