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To Interested Citizens:

Re: Incidents of Openly Carrying of Firearms

It has come to the attention of the Village of Sussex that, in the near future, individuals may appear in public places throughout the Village, including commercial establishments, openly carrying firearms. These individuals are sympathetic to and supporters of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the provisions of the Wisconsin Constitution which provide to the people the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose.¹ If you observe such an individual, do not be alarmed. Openly carrying a firearm, without other facts, circumstances, events or conduct, is typically not unlawful.²

If you have concerns with respect to this matter, contact Lt. Jim Gumm of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department at (262) 246 – 0939.

Under certain circumstances, the owner or operator of a business establishment may prohibit firearms in the premises by making a reasonable request that no one bring firearms into the property. To make such a reasonable request, post a readily visible sign at every entrance to the premises stating: "GUNS ARE BANNED IN THESE PREMISES."

If an individual enters such restricted premises with a firearm, **contact law enforcement authorities to resolve the situation.**

¹ Wis. Const. art. I, § 25 (1998).

² Advisory Memorandum, WI Dept. of Justice, April 20, 2009, J. B. Van Hollen, Atty. Gen.