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## **Governor Scott Walker Appoints Joseph Fath as Vilas County Sheriff**

**Madison** – Governor Scott Walker appointed Joseph Fath today as Vilas County sheriff. The appointment is effective Sunday, September 8, 2013, and fills the vacancy created by the death of Frank Tomlanovich.

“Chief Deputy Fath has an extensive, well-rounded work history,” Governor Walker said. “He has sought out additional training throughout his career to ensure he is trained and can effectively serve the residents of Vilas County. Chief Deputy Fath is fiercely dedicated to Vilas County and its citizens will be well-served by his appointment.”

John Niebuhr, the retired Vilas County Sheriff, recommended Chief Deputy Fath saying, “The pride he has in his chosen profession, his quiet confidence while carrying out duties and his capacity for leading others to perform above and beyond their perceived limitations have served as an inspiration to the deputies under his supervision and to fellow law enforcement colleagues throughout our state.” Albert Moustakis, the Vilas County District Attorney, continued saying, “He has a working knowledge of the operations of the Vilas County Sheriff’s Department as an administrator and has played key roles in applying for grants that help to keep our community safe.”

Chief Deputy Fath has worked in the Vilas County Sheriff’s office since 1981; he has been Chief Deputy since 1995. During his tenure, he facilitated the planning, design, and construction of the current Vilas County Justice Center. Previously, Chief Deputy Fath worked as a detective sergeant and as a deputy sheriff on patrol. Fath is also involved with the Vilas County Project Lifesaver Program.

Fath completed a 10-week training program through the FBI Academy in 2005. He also has received additional training regarding rural policing strategies through the Rural Executive Management Institute. In addition to his official duties, Chief Deputy Fath is involved in a variety of community activities, including the Vilas Vision Leadership Program. He graduated with an Associate of Science degree from North Central Technical Institute in 1981 and from police recruit school in 1982.

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