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**PRESS RELEASE**

During the early morning hours of Friday, July 30, Sioux County received from three to six inches of rain between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 am. The heaviest amount of rain fell in the Boyden area. Flash flooding occurred on many of the city streets; several homes had water and sewer problems in their basements due to the torrential rainfall.

Several rural roads were also affected by flood waters, causing some road closures and delays on Hwy 18. Shortly after 4:00 a.m., a Sioux County Deputy was patrolling Hwy. 18 when his patrol car was swept off the roadway into a flooded creek. The car was submerged in the flooded water. The deputy was not hurt but the patrol car received extensive damage from the water. The accident was investigated by the Iowa State Patrol.

By 7:00 a.m., traffic was back to normal on Hwy 18, but many county gravel and hard surface roads continued to experience periods of flash flooding.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office asks motorists to use caution over the weekend when driving. Do not drive through moving water. If you come upon a road that is impassible, and not barricaded, please call the Sioux County Communications Center at 712-737-2280 to report it.

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