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**WINNEBAGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE UPDATE –
COURT OPERATIONS RESUME**

ROCKFORD, IL – Due to a fire that occurred during the evening of Saturday, November 5, the **Winnebago County Courthouse building**, located at 400 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101 will **REMAIN CLOSED** with **virtual/zoom scheduling availability for select courtrooms**.

Everyone is encouraged to check the status of scheduled court proceedings by viewing the **“Winnebago County Courthouse Operations and Scheduling Page”** on the 17th Circuit Court Website – <http://17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov>.

The **Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center (CJC)** located at 650 West State Street, Rockford, Illinois and the **Winnebago County Juvenile Justice Center** located at 211 South Court Street, Rockford, Illinois 61101 **REMAIN OPEN** and all hearings in these two buildings remain set as scheduled. Individuals who have court appearances scheduled in the Criminal Justice Center (Courtrooms A, B, C, or D) or in the Juvenile Justice Center (Courtrooms 1, 2, or 3) **should attend court as scheduled**.

Individuals seeking emergency orders of protection in Winnebago County may come to the Winnebago County CJC for in person assistance or make use of the Court’s online request system available at <http://illinois17th.com/public-info/domestic-violence-help/online-orders>. A temporary Domestic Violence Assistance Center is open on the first floor of the Winnebago County CJC. Additional assistance is available from Remedies and the Family Peace Center – Remedies 815-962-6102, FPC 779-348-7600.

Ongoing announcements and scheduling changes will continue be posted on the Court’s website, www.17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov. **During regular business hours, contact the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk’s Office at 815-319-4500 for assistance with case scheduling.**

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