

## **Walworth County Sheriff Skips Multi-Agency Planning Meeting To March In Protest And Take A Knee**

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Walworth County Sheriff Kurt Picknell skipped a multi-agency meeting set up to coordinate planning for patrol of a large demonstration in Lake Geneva that included SWAT teams and officers from a number of jurisdictions.

Picknell wasn't there to help his agency plan for the protest but he was at the protest. He was participating. The sheriff even took a knee with protestors decrying police "brutality." Picknell wasn't the only top cop to skip out on an important planning meeting in advance of the protest. Lake Geneva Police Chief Michael Rasmussen also bugged out of the meeting but marched and knelt with the protestors.

Picknell was elected as a "Republican." With leaders like Picknell and Rasmussen it's not surprising many law enforcement officers believe their leaders have abandoned them and do not have their backs.

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