## **Salvage Vehicle Inspections**

The certified salvage vehicle inspectors for the Dodge County Sheriff's Department are Deputy Roy Jaster and Deputy Scott Petrack.

The image that comes to most people's minds when they think of a salvaged vehicle is one that looks like it was pulled up from the bottom of a canyon, after it had flipped, end over end, a dozen times, before it burst into flames. While that's almost never the case, the salvage laws were written to help the buying public know what it is paying for. A salvaged vehicle is one that has been in some sort of accident or had damage occur and has been declared a "total loss" due to that damage at some point in its history. These cars are sold to salvage buyers, who in turn sell them to parts yards or recyclers. Sometimes, depending on the type and extent of damage, the salvage buyers will have these cars repaired and will then sell them as a running vehicle.

Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans 149 provides that a certified salvage inspector must inspect repaired vehicles titled as salvage. Inspections ensure the vehicle and its individual parts are not stolen, have proper equipment and are in safe operating condition.

To schedule a vehicle for inspection call the sheriff's department at 920-386-3726.