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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

I know it may not feel like it today but we will get warmer spring weather that will bring pedestrians merging with vehicle traffic at city intersections and on roadways without sidewalks.

Because of working schedules some walkers/runners will be active at pre-dawn and after sunset. I've seen some bright reflective outer garments on sale around ten dollars and suggest wearing the outer garments at all times and running or walking single file facing oncoming traffic.

The 2012 Wisconsin preliminary report recorded 1,267 rural and urban crashes involving pedestrians resulting in over 1,150 injuries and 44 fatalities. Dodge County had two pedestrian fatalities last year, one city, age 5 and one rural, age 33.

Don't assume that the vehicle driver sees you.

Safe driving and walking,

Bob Sell Dodge County Highway Safety Coordinator