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Officials prepare for election interference



Officials across the country are preparing for elections, and some have added preparing for federal interference to their agendas this year. CHRIS DAY/MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL FILE

Agencies train staff on potential federal issues

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Scott McDonell's training slideshow for poll workers covers what to do in case of fire or flood. A few years ago, the clerk for Dane County – which is Wisconsin's second most populous county – added de-escalation training in case a voter became aggressive.

The Democrat said he is adding a new slide this year: "What to do if the FBI shows up at your office and what not to do."

And he isn't the only one. Multiple election officials told USA TODAY they are preparing in case the federal government interferes in the midterm elections.

Ahead of every local and state election, officials spend months planning for

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"The president, by design of the framers, has no power over the administration of elections in the United States," says David Becker, executive director of the Center for Election Innovation & Research. BILL CLARK/POOL VIA REUTERS FILE



Deer gather April 13 in a field near Baraboo in Sauk County. Wisconsin had a record-high population of 1.89 million deer following the 2025 hunting seasons, according to the most recent DNR estimate. PROVIDED BY PAUL A. SMITH

These WI counties have the most deer crashes

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Wisconsin motorists, watch out: Deer crashes are on the rise this time of year.

Deer activity in Wisconsin tends to increase in May and June as deer look for places to give birth and young deer leave their mothers, meaning more deer are crossing the roads, according to the state Department of Transportation.

In 2025, there were 17,795 deer-related crashes in Wisconsin, resulting in 720 injuries and six deaths. That includes 223 deer crashes involving motorcycle drivers, leading to four deaths and 80 serious injuries. That means 38% of deer crashes involving a motorcycle resulted in a death or serious injury.

"Drivers should have their full attention on the road ahead to avoid deer crashes," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said in a news release. "Deer are unpredictable, often changing directions and freezing as they cross the road. Motorists

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Sled dog racer pleads not guilty to neglecting dogs

9 Eurohounds found dead after reported abuse

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WAUSAU – A champion sled dog racer charged with neglecting his dogs resulting in eight deaths pleaded not

guilty May 18 in Marathon County Circuit Court.

Joseph S. Carey, 29, of Stratford, pleaded not guilty to eight felony counts of mistreatment of animals causing death, 10 misdemeanor counts of intentionally mistreating animals, two misdemeanor counts of intentionally failing to provide food for animals and one misdemeanor count of not providing proper animal shelter or sanitation.

Carey's attorney, Daniel McGrath, waived Carey's right to a preliminary hearing May 18. During a preliminary hearing, prosecutors must show a crime probably was committed and the defendant probably did it. Marathon County Court Commissioner Douglas Bauman ordered the case to move forward. A scheduling conference is scheduled for June 17.

According to the criminal complaint,

on April 25, Marathon County deputies went to Carey's property in the Marathon County town of Day after receiving a report of animal abuse. At the property, they found eight dead Eurohounds and two dead goats.

A Eurohound is a cross between an Alaskan husky and a pointer. The dogs are bred for sled racing. Carey's

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