

County Administrator Says Worker Morale is Important

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No one wants to meet a grumpy snow plow driver on the road. Or get manhandled by a disgruntled jailer. Or get snapped at by a snarly 911 operator. But on the job morale for public workers could be an issue in some parts of Wisconsin. Because, says La Crosse county administrator Steve O'Malley, some county executives and administrators around the state will have near complete control over employee working conditions once governor Walker's controversial collective bargaining law takes effect. O'Malley says morale of employees was one of his considerations in seeking contract extensions for eight of the county's public unions. County board workers overwhelmingly approved the two year extensions last week.