

**mn** DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT



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Minnesota County Sheriffs:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites all county sheriff agencies to participate in the 2020-2021 Snowmobile Safety (SSE) Enforcement Grant Program during the current biennium. The 2019 Minnesota Legislature allocated \$315,000 for each fiscal year; effective dates are the following: (1) July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and (2) July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

A primary anticipated outcome of Snowmobile Safety funding: to conduct activities which gain voluntary compliance with safety regulations. Those activities include enforcement patrols and education/ outreach.

A three-year review of fatal snowmobile crash data indicates that the majority of crashes involve striking a fixed object at one of three locations: 1) within road right-of-ways, 2) marked trails, and 3) lakes and streams. Crash data also indicates that at least 77 percent of fatal crashes are drug and alcohol related with speed likely being a contributing factor.

Based on the number of participating counties, your county will receive the same allocation amount in each fiscal year. The details of receiving reimbursements will be indicated in the contract, and on the DNR website. All expenses over the amount of your grant will be the sole responsibility of your county agency.

What you must do to apply:

- Review the Preliminary 2020-2021 Allocation Totals, enclosed and available online.
- Complete the 2020-2021 SSE Grant Application, enclosed and available online.
- **Mail back the application to our office by Friday, September 16, 2019.**

All information and forms regarding the grant program can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/enforcement/index.html>. If you have any questions, please contact LT Adam Block at [Adam.Block@state.mn.us](mailto:Adam.Block@state.mn.us) or (651) 259-5057.

Thanks in advance for your on-going efforts to assist DNR in protecting Minnesota's resources, and providing service to our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rodmen Smith".

COL Rodmen Smith, Director  
Division of Enforcement

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