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2020 Annual Report on the:

ATV Grant Program

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ATV ENFORCEMENT GRANT ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2020



During July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the ATV Law Enforcement Grant Program has been very popular with state, county, and local police agencies. The program has supplied agencies with much-needed funds with which to help police the ATV community and thereby help reduce the number of citizen complaints regarding illegal ATV activities. The funds from this program are dedicated strictly to ATV law enforcement, training, and equipment needed to work ATV law enforcement as this recreational activity continues to grow with the opening of more and more miles of ATV trails throughout the state of Maine.

During the fiscal year 2020, the ATV Law Enforcement Grant program received 82 grant requests totaling \$561,715.03. The ATV Law Enforcement Grant Committee approved \$195,000.00 in grants of which \$157,968.68 was used by the requesting agencies. As a result of these expenditures, 2,522 man-hours were dedicated to ATV law enforcement. From this effort, 172 citations were issued, 1,066 warnings were issued, and 9,322 ATVs were checked by law enforcement officers. It should be noted that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the decision was made to allow officers and agencies to extend their spring 2020 grants through the fall of 2020 to utilize the funds awarded during the spring of 2020.

Since the spring of 2006, this program has received grant requests totaling \$6,756,575.32. The ATV Law Enforcement Grant Committee has approved \$3,076,965.99 in grants with \$2,383,480.60 of these funds being used to reimburse the participating law enforcement agencies. As a result of these expenditures, 47,958 man-hours have been dedicated to ATV law enforcement, 4,306 citations have been issued, 9,836 warnings issued, and 89,120 ATVs checked by law enforcement.