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RE: NHFG Law Enforcement Division Updates for the New Hampshire Off-Highway Vehicle Association Board of Directors Meeting - November 17, 2016

- For FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) , there were **25,838** ATV/UTV/other registrations, **3,804** Trail Bike registrations, and **976** Temporary Non-Resident Wheeled Vehicle registrations sold purchased for a total of **30, 618** Wheeled Vehicle Registrations. These numbers reflect the continued steady increase in OHRV registrations These numbers reflect the continued steady increase in OHRV registrations and have now surpassed the historical high 2007 total of 27,532.
- The **HB 1396 Study Committee** met a few times and is working through the process to decide what legislation it recommends to move forward with.
- Considering the rapid and continued growth of the OHRV industry, we have strongly recommended that our department seek support and approval to add at least (2) new conservation officer positions. We are currently operating well beyond our capacity to address constituent demands for law enforcement patrol effort, complaint resolution, case investigation and prosecution. In addition, recent legislation has authorized the process to approve certain state roads in Grafton County.
- The sound enforcement program initiative has made progress, but not as quickly as we would like. However, our current sound enforcement and spark arrestor efforts with Forest Rangers have been significant and have resulted in numerous summonses and written warnings, as appropriate.
- For the second year, we were awarded a NH Highway Safety grant to provide dedicated funding for targeted road-based OHRV enforcement and overall traffic safety. We conducted (87) 4- hour patrols throughout NH with a primary focus in Coos County. There were (9) alcohol-related accidents and two OHRV fatalities during the grant reporting period of May 27 – Sept. 30, 2016. The two fatalities were **not** trail related or alcohol related. (see below for additional grant related statistics)
- Keep in mind that these funds are for “road-based” enforcement. We can also cover trails connected to road systems during the patrols, but the focus is on the public roadways to qualify for the funding which is provided to help reduce alcohol related OHRV/motor vehicle issues.

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Excerpts from final grant report:

The Law Enforcement Division conducted eighty (87), Four (4) hour patrols in different counties in NH, for a total of Three Hundred forty-eight (348) hours by Twenty-five (25) Conservation Officers.

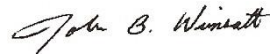
- Fifty-two (52) reported OHRV accidents (Two of which were fatal) occurred during the reporting period of May 27- September 30, 2016;

While conducting the 87 patrols, the following activity was generated:

- Three (3) DUI arrest;
- Additional: One (1) blood draw, One (1) BAC, Two (2) PBT's and Two (2) impairment checks;
- Four (4) arrests for Illegal Possession ;
- Four (4) Summons and Two (2) arrests for Illegal Transportation;
- One (1) summons for Open Container;
- Three (3) summons and Four (4) arrest for Operation After Revocation;
- Twenty-eight (28) warnings, Fourteen (14) summons and One (1) arrest for speed;
- Five (5) Warrant Arrests;
- Sixty-Five (65) warnings, Fifty-two (52) summons and One (1) arrest for other OHRV violations;
- Two (2) warnings and Two (2) summons for red light/stop sign violations;
- Five hundred Sixty (560) vehicles stopped/checked for decals, registration, etc.;

Progress noted towards this goal. Over 83 summonses were issued for various OHRV related violations during the 87 performed details

Sincerely,



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