



To whom it may concern:

Through the vision and coordinated efforts of members of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, and with support from the Maine Fire Service Institute, I am pleased to announce the delivery of Maine's newest training program. It is designed to meet the formal safety and training needs of agencies throughout our state who employ the use of an **OHRV** (Off Highway Recreation Vehicle) as well as those who are looking to purchase an **OHRV** in the future. This program is meant to be a cost effective resource used to create a standard for safety and reduced risk as it relates to the use of these unique off-road vehicles. It will also satisfy the training topics required for ATV and Snowmobile Safety certification through the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

This training is intended to be distributed widely throughout the state utilizing fire instructors who are at least certified to the Fire Instructor I level. We encourage mutual aid participation as we have found first hand the importance of working with our neighbors on calls utilizing this equipment. The initial Train-the-Trainer is scheduled for **Friday, June 21st from 8a-4p at the North Yarmouth Fire Department**, 463 Walnut Hill Rd., North Yarmouth.

MFSI will be sending out a training announcement and registration form within the next few weeks.

A second Train-the-Trainer is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, September 19th from 8a-4p in Northern Maine at a location TBD.**

We are seeking 12 instructors from around the state who are willing to help distribute this training to their geographic area. If you are interested in becoming a Maine Public Safety OHRV/Snowmobile Safety Instructor, Please contact either Fire Chief Greg Payson or Deputy Chief Dan Masselli for more details.

Thank you for your help!

Respectfully,

Dan Masselli

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