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Sheriff's Office Hosts Combined Snowmobile/ATV Safety Class Starting December 10, 2018

The Portage County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a combination Snowmobile and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV/UTV) Safety Class. Registration is handled on-line at: <https://gowild.wi.gov/>.

This official Department of Natural Resources training program is taught by certified sheriff's deputies and other highly skilled volunteers. It will give you the fundamentals on safe and legal operation of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles.

The Portage County Sheriff's Office offers a Snowmobile & ATV combined safety course. Classes run from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and are held at the Portage County Sheriff's Office Training Room, 1500 Strong's Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Classes are scheduled for December 10, 11, 17, and 18, 2018. Space is limited.

The course cost is \$20.00 and is open to Snowmobile and ATV operators 12 years of age and older. The fee will be collected at the first class. The state requires anyone born on or after

January 1, 1985 to hold a valid Snowmobile Safety Certificate to operate and anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 to hold a valid ATV Safety Certificate.

The Sheriff's Office recommends that everyone who plans on operating a snowmobile or ATV/UTV take this course. However, some people are required to have it before operation.

Born on or after January 1st, 1985? Then you need to successfully complete an approved Snowmobile Safety Course before riding on public lands. Wisconsin law allows only those 16 years of age or older to take this online course.

Born after January 1st, 1988? Then you need to successfully complete an approved Wisconsin ATV Safety Course before riding on public lands.

Learn more information at: <https://www.co.portage.wi.us/departmentsheriff-s-office/classes-and-events>.

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