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With the snowmobile season in progress, Sheriff Dale R. Gribler would like to announce that the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Gobles Driftbusters Snowmobile Club, offers the 2010-2011 Snowmobile Safety Certification Presentation. This program will take place on January 8, 2011 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Emergency Operation Center. This program covers Michigan laws and how to safely operate snowmobiles during this winter season. The class is designed for people of all ages who are interested in safe snowmobiling, but snowmobile safety certificates are required for persons 12-16 years of age who wish to operate a snowmobile. The class will be limited to the first 40 student enrolled. There is no cost for Van Buren County residents, but preregistration is required.

**According to Michigan Law:**

- A person under the age of 12 may not operate a snowmobile without the direct supervision of the parent or guardian except on the property owned or controlled by the parent and may not cross a highway or street.
- A person who is at least 12, but less than 17 years of age, may operate a snowmobile under direct supervision of a person 21 years of age or older or have in their immediate possession a valid snowmobile safety certificate.
- A person who is at least 12, but not less than 17 years of age, may not cross a highway or a street without having a valid snowmobile safety certificate in their immediate possession.

Those interested in attending the class may register on-line at [www.vanburencountysheriff.com](http://www.vanburencountysheriff.com) Registration may also be made by telephone to Sergeant Scott Schmitt or Sergeant David Walker at 269-657-3101 extension 3801 or 3821.

This certification class usually last 7 hours. Participants should bring a sack lunch.

Sheriff Gribler wishes to remind persons that modern snowmobiles are capable of high rates of speed far beyond the ability of a driver to react in sufficient time to take preventative action. All drivers should: Slow down, don't drink, and live to enjoy Michigan's Winter Wonderland.

***The Van Buren County Sheriff's Office shall provide leadership, coordination and delivery of quality, professional law enforcement, and public safety services to the residents of Van Buren County, while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons.***