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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Date: March 3rd 2016

To: Recreational Safety Instructors

Re: Certificate of Protection in Lieu of an Insurance Policy

For: ATV, boating & snowmobile safety and hunter and bow hunter education courses taking place between Friday, January 1st 2016 thru Saturday, December 31st 2016.

Volunteer recreational safety instructors for the ATV, boating, snowmobile, hunter and bow hunter safety education courses are considered agents of the State of Wisconsin while performing their official duties for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). As agents of the State of Wisconsin these volunteers are protected by the State of Wisconsin Self-Funded Liability and Property Programs. Section 20.505(2)(k), Wisconsin Statutes, provides funds to pay liability and property claims.

The property program provides coverage to volunteer instructors who use their personally owned ATVs, boats, snowmobiles and equipment for the purpose of instructing the DNR course. There is a $250 deductible for any property damage claims. The Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Law Enforcement will work directly with safety instructors regarding the $250 deductible.

The liability program, per section 895.46, provides that the state will pay judgments taken against state officers, employees, or agents for acts carried out while within the scope of their employment.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

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