

## **Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office Patrol Grant Funding**

### **Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol:**

The Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office participates in a grant with the MN Department of Natural Resources that assists in funding a seasonal Water Patrol Officer position. The Water Patrol Officer is responsible for routine patrols on local lakes checking boaters to see if they have the proper floatation devices, proper registration, and to ensure compliance with local and State laws. The Water Patrol Officer also assists in search and rescue missions along with rental boat inspections and water safety training programs.

The Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was allocated \$9,035 in grant funding from the MN Department of Natural Resources for the 2010 Boat and Water Safety Program.

### **Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office ATV Patrol:**

Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office participates in a grant with the MN Department of Natural Resources to conduct ATV patrol throughout the County. The ATV is used to patrol problem areas that are not accessible for other motor vehicles. It is also used extensively in search and rescue missions as needed. Blue Earth County Sheriff's Deputies also use dollars from the grant to host two youth rider training courses during the year. In 2009, grant funds were used to update the current Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office ATV.

The Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office was allocated \$5,846 from the MN Department of Natural Resources for the 2010 Off Highway Vehicle Program.

### **Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office Snowmobile Patrol:**

The Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office participates in a grant with the MN Department of Natural Resources to conduct snowmobile patrol within the County. The snowmobile patrol program is used in conjunction with MN DNR Officers to enforce local and state laws. The areas that receive the high patrol are the snowmobile trail systems throughout the County. The Sheriff's Office snowmobile is also used to patrol local lakes and area rivers not accessible during winter months. Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office also has a rescue sled that can be attached to the snowmobile to remove crash victims from isolated areas. Blue Earth County Sheriff's Deputies host two youth training courses during the winter months.

Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office received \$2,698.00 in grant funding from the MN Department of Natural Resources for the 2010 Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Program.