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DNR to Resume In-Person Hunter and Recreational Education Classes

Madison, WI – Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelander) released the following statement regarding the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) decision to resume in-person hunter and recreational vehicle education classes on Monday, July 13, with social distancing and other safety precautions:

"After strongly advocating for these educational programs to resume, it's great to learn that the DNR will resume these classes in a couple of weeks. I first learned about the news to suspend the hunter's safety program through the Oneida County Sheriff's Department after they voiced frustration about the DNR's decision. Last week, in response, I, along with many of my legislative colleagues, sent a letter to Governor Evers asking him to immediately instruct the DNR to resume these in-person educational classes. I will continue to monitor the department's decision to make sure they're carried out since these programs play an integral role in not only the Northwoods, but throughout the state." said Swearingen.

To read the latest press release from the DNR on their recent decision to resume hunter safety and recreational vehicle education classes, view <u>here</u>.

Representative Swearingen represents the 34th Assembly District, which includes the Northwoods counties of Oneida, Vilas, Florence and portions of Forest.

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