

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION
Trail Warden Operating Policy**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy describes the issues related to the operational procedures of the trail wardens during a trail check.

2.0 Authority

- 2.1 This policy is authorized by Board of Directors, Prince Edward Island Snowmobile Association, hereafter referred to as the Association.
- 2.2 Off-Highway Vehicle Act and Regulations are authorized by the Government of Prince Edward Island.
- 2.3 Authority for specific sections of the Off-Highway Vehicle Act and Regulations is delegated to the trail wardens by the Minister responsible for the Off-Highway Vehicle Act and Regulations.

3.0 Zero Tolerance and Discretion

- 3.1 The Association supports the principle of "Zero Tolerance" which encourages trail wardens to issue a Summary Office Ticket (SOT) to the driver of a snowmobile not displaying a valid trail permit or to a driver of a snowmobile not having a valid motor vehicle registration plate attached to their snowmobile.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding 3.1, the Association supports the use of discretion by trail wardens where the use of such discretion would improve the safety and security of snowmobilers, trail wardens, assistant trail wardens and the general public.

4.0 Trail Patrol Guidelines

- 4.1 Trail patrols must be must include a trail warden. Only trail wardens are authorized to enforce delegated sections of the Off-Highway Vehicle Act .
- 4.2 Trail patrols must be conducted with a minimum of two persons, one of whom must be a trail warden.
- 4.3 Assistant trail wardens are authorized to be members of trail patrols. This on trail experience counts towards their one snowmobile season of informal training.
- 4.4 Trail wardens and assistant trail wardens must be familiar with the delegated sections of

the Off-Highway Vehicle Act for which they are responsible.

- 4.5 Trail check point stops must be conducted at road crossings, or other high visibility areas. This must be adhered to in order to ensure the safety of snowmobilers, trail wardens, trail warden assistants, and the general public.

5.0 Permit Control

5.1 Resident and Non-Resident Snowmobiles

All snowmobilers are required to have the appropriate trail permit affixed to their snowmobile. Wardens are authorized to issue a Summary Office Ticket (SOT) for any snowmobile not displaying a valid trail permit.

5.2 Display of Permits

All trail permits must be attached either to the windshield of the snowmobile or to the cab of the snowmobile, preferably on the left-hand side of the snowmobile. If a snowmobiler produces a permit which is not attached as described above, the warden is required to instruct the holder of the permit to attach the permit to either the windshield or the cab of the snowmobile. If the snowmobiler refuses to attach the permit as requested, the snowmobile is deemed to not have a valid trail permit, and the trail warden is authorized to issue a Summary Office Ticket (SOT).

5.3 Use of Pink Slips

Snowmobilers who have no trail permit affixed to their snowmobile, but who intend to provide proof that the trail permit was bought must establish such proof by providing the "pink slip" copy of the trail permit application, plus a valid driver's license. This confirms they are the owner of the permit application which the "pink slip" copy was attached to.

- a) If the identification produced matches the information on the "pink slip" the trail warden will write in large capital letters across the "pink slip" the word "VOID". The Trail Warden will then return the "pink slip" to the snowmobiler and advise the snowmobiler that the "pink slip" will no longer be considered a valid proof of trail permit purchase.
- b) At any subsequent trail checkpoint stop, if a snowmobiler produces a "pink slip" copy as a substitute for a trail permit which has been marked "VOID", it is deemed that the snowmobile does not have a valid trail permit and the Trail Warden is authorized to issue a Summary Offense Ticket (SOT).

- c) If the identification produced does not match the information on the "pink slip", the trail warden will write in large capital letters across the "pink slip" the word "VOID". The trail warden will then return the "pink slip" to the snowmobiler and advise the snowmobiler that the "pink slip" is not considered a valid proof of trail permit purchase, and therefore it is deemed that the snowmobile does not have a valid trail permit and the trail warden is authorized to issue a Summary Offence Ticket (SOT).