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ATTENTION ATV OWNERS

The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office reminds everyone that motorized vehicles that are unlicensed are not permitted to operate on parish and state roadways or the interstate. Unlicensed vehicles, such as four wheelers, motorized scooters, dirt bikes, and go-carts, are prohibited on public roads and levees through St. Charles Parish. Deputies will be strictly enforcing these traffic laws.

"The number of complaints my office has received regarding recreational vehicles on public streets continues to rise," said Sheriff Greg Champagne, who added that violators will be cited for equipment violations and will have their vehicle impounded.

"A simple rule to follow is if your vehicle doesn't have a license plate, break tag, and insurance, then it cannot be operated on public streets," Sheriff Champagne said. "Properly licensed vehicles can only be operated by a licensed driver."

"In many cases, children driving these vehicles on public streets are doing so with the consent of parents. I need parents' help in stopping these violations," the Sheriff said, noting violations could result in fines against the owner of the vehicle as well as the offender. "We will no longer issue warnings encouraging compliance."

"Accidents with injuries involving these vehicles have occurred in St. Charles Parish. These vehicles aren't designed to be operated safely on public streets, they are for off road use only," Sheriff Champagne said.

Violators could face hundreds of dollars in fines and the expense of the vehicle's towing and impoundment.