



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie Delivers Funding to Strengthen Oswego County Sheriff's Office

BRIAN DWYER May 29, 2019

| ISSUE: **PUBLIC SAFETY**



In an effort to help the Oswego County Sheriff's Office improve safety and efficiency during the winter months, State Senator Patty Ritchie is announcing she has secured \$25,000 in special funding to allow for the purchase of two snowmobiles that can be used to better respond during the county's harsh winters.

“This past winter was another reminder of just how tough winter months can be in Central New York,” said Senator Ritchie. “It’s critically important that our law enforcement officials have the ability to overcome any challenges Mother Nature might pose—especially significant snowfall.”

“I am proud to have secured this funding, which will ensure the Oswego County Sheriff’s Office will be better prepared to respond to emergencies, calls for help and other situations when winter weather hits.”

“Here in Oswego County, our deputies secure a wide range of terrain including rough roads, forest and waterways. That becomes much more difficult during our harsh winter months,” Oswego County Sheriff Don Hilton said. “This funding will allow our deputies to more safely get where they need to be, no matter how much snow is on the roads or in other areas our vehicle fleet just cannot go. We cannot thank Senator Ritchie enough for helping us secure these snowmobiles.”

In addition to the two new snowmobiles, the funding will also allow the department to purchase audio/visual training equipment.

Funding secured by Senator Ritchie continues her efforts to support local law enforcement as they work to protect our communities. In recent years, she has secured hundreds of thousands of dollars for equipment upgrades at departments across the 48<sup>th</sup> Senate District, as well as collaborated with agencies to collect thousands of pounds of unwanted or expired medications from medicine cabinets during her Drug Take Back and Senior Health and Wellness Fairs.