

COORDINATOR'S CORNER



MINNESOTA DNR ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

ATV & SNOWMOBILE SAFETY EDUCATION NEWS

IMPORTANT: Starting immediately you will be receiving the NEW Student Registration-Parental Release and Self-Certification Form with your supplies.

This Form replaces the previous Registration and Parental Release form. (Throw the old forms away)

Use the new form just as you have in the past for registration and legal release for students. (Do **NOT** Collect the DNR Fee!)

Call Donna at Ripley if you have any questions!! 1-800-366-8917 ext 2501

- Instructors no longer collect the DNR course fee.
- The Student/Parent pays the DNR Course fee Online by following the instructions on the backside of their Yellow copy.
- This form is **NO** longer a **Temporary Certificate!** It's the instructions !!!
- Student certification is not valid until the Self-Certification Process outlined on the form is completed.
- Students receive the Yellow Copy upon successful completion of the course.
- Please be sure that the Instructor Number is legible, because the student/parent will be required to enter this number as part of the self-certification process.
- Please be sure PARENTS and STUDENTS understand what they need to do to complete certification.
- Read the Instructions on the back of the New Self-Certification Form to them.
- Please continue to fill-out rosters A and B and send to Camp Ripley within 5 days of completion of your course. **DO NOT SEND FEES** if you are using this form.

Instructors can still collect up to the course fee amount for additional supplies and materials for the course.

More important information on page 4.

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" Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn." -- Benjamin Franklin

**WANTED:
Nominations for 2011 Volunteer Snowmobile Safety
Instructor of the Year!**

We all know of an instructor who goes the extra mile to deliver a top notch safety program to the youth in their area. It's time once again to consider those instructors who go above and beyond, and nominate them for instructor of the year for 2011.

You will find nomination forms online at the Volunteer Instructor webpage:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html>

In the 'Announcement' section.

Nominations are due January 6th, 2012

NOW HIRING!!

You may have heard recently that the Division of Enforcement was hiring more Conservation Officers. It's True! There were over 800 qualified applicants that applied. We will be holding DNR Conservation Officer Academy 13 Spring 2012 with Academy 14 in Fall 2012. The hope is to hire approximately 24 total new Conservation Officers.

INSTRUCTORS

Check with your Local Conservation Officer on availability of the new computer projection units, DVD/VCR players and Speakers. Bring the 21st Century into your classroom !!!

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**Instructor Goals for
2011/2012**

During the next 12 months, let's work together to increase the number of students certified over last year. You as the instructor are key to all of us reaching our goal to improve the image of motorized recreation and safety.

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**CHECK OUT THE UPDATED IN-
STRUCTOR WEB PAGE:**

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html>

Trail Ambassador Program – 2011

2011 was yet another stellar summer season for this program! The Trail Ambassadors did a great job out on the trails, being safe and promoting safety.

The mid-season meeting was held on August 21st in St. Cloud; 63 Trail Ambassadors attended.

This year in the program we had 173 Trail Ambassadors, 28 ATV Clubs Represented, and 19 grants issued. They covered over 12,500 miles, 2,800 Contacts! (2,160 verbal, over 678 materials handed out) In over 5,000 hours on the trails, TAs observed over 8,000 OHVs, recorded over 250 hazards, 80 signing issues, and 20+ trail issues. **GREAT JOB AMBASSADORS!!!**



Take Advantage of Your Instructor Web Pages for Instructor Information and Resources

In this ever-changing electronic age we live in, it's becoming even harder to keep up with unending changes in formats and communication delivery methods. Our Education and Safety Training pages on the DNR website extensively cover all the programs we offer along with pages used to provide services to instructors. We are always playing catch-up in providing quality up-to-date services the public demands.

Over the past 18 months Safety Training staff have made changes to documents, style, look, and process we provide on the MN DNR website at mndnr.gov. If you look at the website frequently, you might have noticed these changes. There are changes to the instructor training pages and instructor resource pages. These are designed to make our site more user friendly for potential new instructors for all of our programs. The new tab format should be easy to follow and understand. There have also been enhancements made for students and parents. We always encourage instructors to order supplies and make notification of upcoming courses in their communities via our website at:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html
A new automatic e-mail service is now up and running. The "listserv" process we had for the past 10 years was replaced by "Gov Delivery." If you haven't seen an e-mail from us in a while it's probably because you didn't make the transfer to the new site.

We encourage all instructors to sign-up for **Instructor News** on the instructor pages of the website at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/hunter_email.html

We currently have about 1,200 instructors and others who subscribe to **Gov Delivery** information service. Getting timely information is key to everyone's success. We would like everyone to take advantage of this easy service.

We ask all instructors to sign-up for **Gov Delivery** or to supply us with their e-mail address so we can update their instructor record. Just send an e-mail to:

enforcement.education@state.mn.us

This will allow us to better serve you and our students!

Reminders from Ripley!

Please remember that you **MUST** submit your order for supplies at least **30 days prior to the start date of your class.** This insures that you will receive your supplies well before the starting date. Please check your supplies immediately upon receipt and notify us if there is something missing.

Please remember to check the age of your students prior to the start of your class. Several rosters were again received with students who could not lawfully be in the class because they were too young.

Please call or e-mail us with any questions or comments that you have. Your comments and suggestions help us to provide better service to you and our students.

Please notify us of any change in your contact information you might have.

INVENTORY

Please take time to inventory any remaining supplies you have. Organize and determine what you need or don't need for your next supply request.

RTO Names, Phone Numbers and E-mail:

*NW Jim Hatlevig (Acting) 218-758-2459
james.hatlevig@state.mn.us*

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shelly.patten@state.mn.us*

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frank.rezac@state.mn.us*

*SW Metro Bruce Lawrence (Acting)
651-674-2705 bruce.lawrence@state.mn.us*

*NE Metro Bruce Lawrence 651-674-2705
bruce.lawrence@state.mn.us*

*Southern MN Jeff Fleming 507-765-2724
jeff.fleming@state.mn.us*

*Rec. Vehicle Coordinator Leland Owens
763-753-1887
leland.owens@state.mn.us*

Self-Certification Student and Parent Instruction Page

PLEASE Review this page with both parents and students.

Make sure they understand that their certification is not complete until they fully complete the instructions and pay the course fee online.

Don't have access to the internet: Call the phone number listed in the instructions.

Please review the instructions with PARENTS and STUDENTS at the first class and after the student receives their yellow copy at course completion.

Remind them to complete this process immediately after course completion or the next day!

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This is a Legal Document

IMPORTANT: YOUR CERTIFICATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AND FEE PAYMENT PROCESS. *To receive your Firearm Safety Certificate, to exercise the privileges granted, you must complete the following process immediately after course completion.*

*****Please follow all the instructions carefully*****

Instructions:

1. Have a parent or guardian assist you. An online payment method will be needed to complete the process.
2. From a computer with internet access with a printer attached, log onto www.mndnr.gov.
3. Click on [Buy a License](#). Click on [Safety Training Self Certification](#). *(It is recommended that you first download Adobe Acrobat Reader before continuing.)*
4. On the [Customer Identification Page](#), you must first search for your record in the database.

Enter any combination of the following information: [Social Security Number and Date of Birth](#) or [Customer DNR #, Date of Birth and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number](#) or [Firearm Safety #, Date of Birth and last 4 digits of Social Security Number](#).

5. ***If a record exists for you***, check your **Full Legal Name and Date of Birth** for accuracy – also make address and other changes as needed by clicking on [EDIT CUSTOMER INFO](#). Click on [SUBMIT](#) to save your changes. *Proceed to Step #8.*
6. ***If a record does NOT exist for you***, Click on [Create New Customer](#). Click on [Individual Customer](#). Enter your Social Security # and Date of Birth and click on [Continue](#).
7. On the Customer Identification Page, **(use the information you filled out on the front side of this form)** enter all the required information (You **MUST** use your **Full Legal Name and Date of Birth** as entered on this form) and click on [Submit](#).
8. Review your information – Full Legal Name and Date of Birth - edit as necessary. Click on [Safety Training Self Certification](#). From the list, select [Firearm Safety Hunter Education Cert.](#)
9. Enter the [Certificate Number](#) and [Instructor Number](#) as it is shown on the front side of this form. Click on [Add to cart and begin checkout](#). You will need a method of payment – Visa, MasterCard or E-Check - to pay for your certificate.
10. Click on [Proceed to Checkout](#). Enter payment Information and click on [Submit](#). Click on [Prepare license\(s\) for printing](#).
11. **Print your Safety Training Certification Certificate.** Laminating your certificate will increase its durability. You may **SAVE** your certificate on your computer for future use.

NOTE: If you do not have access to a computer and/or the Internet, you may call the DNR License Center at 651-297-1230 from the Twin Cities metro area Monday thru Friday from 8 am – 4:30 pm, or toll free at 1-877-348-0498.

*Please remember that state law requires you to provide your Social Security Number when purchasing a hunting or fishing license.

IMPORTANT: If you do not complete the above steps, there will be NO record of your completion of the firearm safety course and you may be subject to re-taking the course. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact the DNR Enforcement Safety Training Office at 1-800-366-8917.

Reminder to Complete
SELF CERTIFICATION
Process Immediately after
Course Completion!!!

Logon to DNR web site
www.mndnr.gov
click on BUY A LICENSE

[Customer ID Page](#)
[Search Instructions](#)
Locate and Correct if Needed

[Create New Customer Record](#)
Follow Instructions
Use FULL LEGAL NAME and DOB
and Correct ADDRESS

[Information Review](#) and
[Certification Type Selection](#)

[Enter Certificate and
Instructor Number from Form](#)
Add to Shopping Cart

[Proceed to Check-out and
Make Payment](#)
VISA/MASTERCARD/E-CHECK

[Print and Save Your Certificate](#)

[Phone Option for Students
without Computer/Internet
Access](#)

2012 Instructor Survey

(Please take time to answer/mail the survey, circle your response, Thanks!!)



Mail or email your completed 2012 Survey Form by Jan. 15th, 2012 to: DNR Safety Training Survey, 15011 Hwy 115, Little Falls, MN 56345 or to : donna.schulz@state.mn.us

1. Are you being provided with adequate supplies and materials you need to conduct the ATV/Snowmobile Safety Education Program in your Community? **Yes / No**
2. Do you have funding support from a sponsoring organization? **Yes / No (Club / State Assoc. / Other)**
3. Rate the overall support services provided by the program staff at Camp Ripley. 10 being high quality service. 1 being poor service or lack of support. **1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10**
4. What is your primary source of program information and changes to the programs? **E-mail / Newsletter / Notices in supply orders / Fellow instructors / Other**
5. Is your Field Day site available for most requested dates? **Yes / No**
6. Is your Field day site public or private? **Public / Private / Private-Open to the Public**
7. Do you have difficulty locating a multiple date classroom site? **Yes / No**
8. Have you viewed the ATV or Snowmobile CD course in it's entirety? **Yes / No**
9. Do you understand the new Self-Certification process the parents & youth are to follow? **Yes / No**
10. What is the usual field day ratio of instructors to students for your team? **1-3/5 1-5/7 1-10 1-15 1-20 more than 20 students per instructor**
11. What is the size of your instructor team? **2 / 3-6 / 6-10 / 11-15 / 15+**
12. How many students does your team certify throughout the year? **10-20 / 20-30 / 30-50 / 50-75 / 75-100 / 100+**
13. How many years have you been an instructor? **<5 / 5-10 / 10-20 / 20-30 / 30-40 / 40+**
14. Do you have internet access? **No / Yes (at home / at work / other)**
15. Do you use a Computer/Projector and Instructor PowerPoint as part of your instruction? **Yes / No**
16. Is the instructor page on the DNR website user friendly and easy to follow? **Yes / No**
17. Do you use the DNR website as a source of information and ordering supplies? **Yes / No**
18. Do you have a good working relationship with your area Conservation Officer? **Yes / No**
19. Are there enough opportunities in your community to reach all students who want to complete this course? **Yes/ No**
20. What suggestions/comments do you have for us to improve our programs or your volunteer experience?

Snowmobile Certification Requirements for Youth **Certification for Residents and Non-Residents**

Minnesota Residents

Any resident of Minnesota born after **December 31, 1976**, must have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile in Minnesota. Youth must be 11 years old to take a snowmobile safety course, the certificate is not valid until the 12th birthday.

Residents and Non-Residents

Under Age 12

(Without safety Certificate)

- May drive snowmobiles on public lands, public waters, or grant-in-aid trails if accompanied by an adult*
- May not drive a snowmobile across state or county roads
- May not drive snowmobiles on streets or highways in a municipality

Ages 12 & 13

- May drive snowmobiles on public lands, public waters, or grant-in-aid trails IF - Accompanied by an adult* OR - In possession of a valid snowmobile safety certificate
- May not drive a snowmobile across state or county roads
- May not drive snowmobiles on streets or highways in a municipality

Ages 14 to 18

- May drive a snowmobile across state or county roads IF in possession of a snowmobile safety certificate or drivers license or id card with valid snowmobile indicator
- May drive snowmobiles on public lands, public waters, or grant-in-aid trails WITH a snowmobile safety certificate
- May drive snowmobiles on streets or highways in municipalities, if not contrary to ordinance - Needs snowmobile certificate if required by ordinance

Over Age 18

- Residents born after 12/31/76 who operate a snowmobile in Minnesota must possess a valid snowmobile safety certificate or a drivers license or id card with a valid snowmobile indicator.

** Accompanied by an adult means a parent, legal guardian, or other person 18 years of age or older designated by the parent or guardian who needs to be close enough to be able to direct the youth's operation of their snowmobile.*

Exception for Residents and Non-Residents

Without a snowmobile safety certificate, a person under the age of **14 years** may operate a snowmobile only if they are supervised or accompanied by one of the following: parent, legal guardian, or other person 18 years of age or older designated by the parent or guardian. The supervising or accompanying adult needs to be close enough to be able to direct the youth's operation of their snowmobile. This exception does not allow an operator under the age of 14 to cross a public road.

Nonresidents certified in snowmobile safety training in another state will be recognized in Minnesota.

Nonresidents who are **18 years old and older** do not need a snowmobile safety certificate.

Cell Phones, MP3 Players, etc.

Technology can be a distraction in the classroom. If schools don't allow cell phone use in the classroom neither should we. They are an unnecessary distraction to all students and instructors.

All classroom name tents should now have an additional rule added to them.

Rule #5: NO Electronic devices are allowed to be used during class or the field day. This includes phones, MP3 players or similar devices...

Make this rule clear to students and parents. Use could result in confiscation of the device or expulsion. Don't forget to silence your own phone...You don't want to set a bad example!



**ATV Instructor and
Trail Ambassador Training Coming to
Cabela's in Rogers!!**

ATV Instructor Clinic– Thursday, March 8th
5:30-9:00PM

Trail Ambassador Class– Saturday, March 24th
9:00AM—5:00PM

Contact: leland.owens@state.mn.us

**Look for the DNR at:
International Motorcycle Show!
Minneapolis Convention Center
1301 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403**

Show Hours

Friday, February 3rd, 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, February 4th, 9:30am - 8:00pm

Sunday, February 5th, 10:00am - 4:00pm

NOHVCC!

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) and the International Off-Highway Vehicle Administrators Association (INOHVAA) brought their annual conferences to Bloomington, MN last September.

Over 120 people attended the event which was full of great OHV information. Presenters shared success stories and information on safe, successful trail systems and OHV issues. Minnesota gave a presentation about the Trail Ambassador program. It was well attended and well received.

It was the official beginnings of INOHVAA (pronounced in-oh-va) a group of state program administrators and managers. INOHVAA's purpose statement is:

The purpose of INOHVAA shall be to promote best management practices of recreational OHV use throughout the OHV community including but not limited to OHV safety; uniformity of laws, rules and regulations, through coordination of OHV concerns; enforcement of existing laws, rules and regulations; promoting positive relationships with other recreational users, partners, and land managers; assisting OHV recreation groups to protect the environment; and the collection, development, and dissemination of information and views on any subject within the scope of the organization.

ATVAM

The ATVAM Fall Conference was held in Isle this past September. Both the meetings and the time on the trail were productive. Notable attendees included Rep. Tom Hackbarth of Cedar, Sen. Paul Gazelka of Brainerd, and Sen. John Carlson of Bemidji.



ATV operators testing their skills as they run through the big water hole. Everyone made it out OK!

UPCOMING MnUSA EVENTS

Veterans Ride

**January 7th - 4th Annual
Veterans Appreciation Ride,
Madelia, MN**

Hosted by MnUSA and the Minnesota Snowmobile Education and Advancement Fund. Visit www.mnvetsnowmobileride.org for details.

veteransride@mnsnowmobiler.org;
866-811-7669

Winter Rendezvous

**2/9 - 2/12 Fairmont Holiday Inn,
Fairmont MN**

This is when we announce the 'Volunteer Snowmobile Safety Instructor of the Year!'

Get nomination forms at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html>



2011 ATV/OHM/OHV FATAL ACCIDENT SUMMARIES

*Information current as of publishing date



11/21/11 – Morrison County

9-year-old male died on 11/21/11 from injuries caused by an accident that happened on 11/8/11 when the ATV he was operating rolled, pinning him underneath.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

10/21/11 – Crow Wing County

63-year-old male died on 10/22/11 from complications of injuries when the ATV he was operating crashed. More details to follow.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

Type of Accident – Loss of control

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

10/7/11 – 1:53 p.m. – Pine County

70-year-old male died when he lost control of the ATV he was operating in his yard, striking a house and a parked trailer. A 3-year-old passenger sustained minor injuries. Possible equipment failure or medical condition may be contributing factors.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

Type of Accident – Struck Fixed Object

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

10/2/11 – 4:40 p.m. – Pine County

12-year-old male died when he lost control of the ATV he was operating, and the machine rolled, landing on top of the operator.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property

Alcohol involved – no

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - yes

9/20/11 – 7:59 p.m. – Stevens County

22-year-old male died when he lost control of the ATV he was operating, struck a tree, causing the machine to roll. Operator was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property

Alcohol involved – no

Type of Accident – Struck a Fixed Object

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

8/9/11 – 1:35 p.m. – Wadena County

16-year-old male died due to injuries received when the ATV he was operating rolled, pinning him under the machine.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property

Alcohol involved – no

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

7/17/11 – 4:11 p.m. – Koochiching County

34-year-old male died when he lost control of the ATV he was operating on a road, causing the machine to roll.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property

Alcohol involved – BAC .31

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

MN DNR Recreational Vehicle Accident statistics reflect only the accidents that were reported to the DNR. Other accident data may be obtained through Minnesota Department Of Health and the Consumer Product Safety Council.

2011 ATV/OHM/OHV FATAL ACCIDENT SUMMARIES Cont'd

*Information current as of publishing date

7/12/11 – 9:28 p.m. – Lac Qui Parle County

54-year-old male died when he was thrown from the ATV he was operating when the machine went into a ditch, landing on the operator.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Alcohol involved – BAC .25

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover
All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

7/3/11 – 7:23 p.m. – Pine County

26-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating went off a roadway, rolling on top of operator.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Alcohol involved – BAC .248

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover
All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

6/12/11 – 5:50 p.m. – Otter Tail County

39-year-old male died from head & neck injuries he received when he stopped abruptly and was struck by the ATV behind him. He was thrown from the ATV, landing on pavement.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Alcohol involved – no

Type of Accident – Machine-Machine Collision
All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

5/7/11 – 9:00 p.m. – McLeod County

9-year-old female died from head injuries when the ATV she was operating rolled.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Alcohol involved – no

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover
All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

4/27/11 – 3:47 a.m. – Meeker County

55-year-old male died when he lost control of the ATV he was operating, causing the machine to roll multiple times.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover
All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

4/23/11 – 4:30 p.m. – St. Louis County

59-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating on Hwy. 47 left the road and hit a driveway approach, causing the ATV to roll. The operator was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Alcohol involved – no

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover
All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

4/13/11 – 4:36 p.m. – Lake County

89-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating went off the road, down an embankment and struck several trees.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Alcohol involved – no

Type of Accident – Struck a Fixed Object
All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

**ATV Fatalities-14
Persons Injured-215
Property Damage Only Accidents-5
Total Reported Accidents-199**

2011
**Off-Highway Motorcycle Fatalities 0
Persons Injured 25
Property Damage Only Accidents 0
Total Reported Accidents 25**

2011
**Off-Highway Vehicle Fatalities 0
Persons Injured 3
Property Damage Only Accidents 1
Total Reported Accidents 4**



2010-2011 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS



Number of Snowmobile Fatalities 13

Number of snowmobile fatalities	13
Number of injuries reported	174
Total number of accidents reported	216
Number of property damage only	38

4/10/11 – Beltrami County

Male drowned when the snowmobile he was operating went into open water between the lower and upper Red Lake. His body was recovered on 4/11/11, and he was not wearing a PFD.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Type of Fatality – Broke through ice

Snowmobile Certificate -

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

3/19/11 – 10:00 p.m. - Lake County

41-year-old male died from injuries after hitting a ridge on the Yukon Trail, was thrown from the snowmobile he was operating, causing him to hit a rock.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate - no

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

3/5/11 – 9:50 p.m. – Isanti County

50-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating went off a trail and struck a tree.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate - no

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

3/3/11 – 1:30 a.m. – Anoka County

25-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating struck a tree off a road next to the lake. His female passenger was hospitalized. Operator was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate - yes

Alcohol involved – BAC .183

2/26/11 – 2:17 p.m. - Cook County

41-year-old male died on 3/9/11 after sustaining injuries when the snowmobile he was operating left a snowmobile trail near the Norwester Lodge and struck a tree. His 50-year-old passenger was hospitalized.

Type of Terrain - Outside City or Village Limits

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate - no

Alcohol involved – no

1/30/11 – 2:22 p.m. – Sherburne County

13-year-old male died after suffering injuries when he lost control of the snowmobile he was operating, and hit a group of trees by the Sand Dunes State Forest parking lot.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Snowmobile Certificate - yes

Alcohol involved – no

1/29/11 – 6:00 p.m. – Mahnomon County

31-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating was hit from behind by another snowmobile on South Twin Lake.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Type of Fatality – Machine-Machine Collision

Snowmobile Certificate – no

Alcohol involved – no



2010-2011 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS Cont'd



Number of Snowmobile Fatalities 13

1/22/11 – 2:45 p.m. – Chisago County

37-year-old male died Sunday, 1/23/11, after suffering injuries when he collided head on with another snowmobile on the Wild River Trail.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail
Snowmobile Certificate - no

Type of Fatality – Machine-Machine Collision
Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

1/16/11 – 5:00 p.m. – Renville County

23-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating struck a drainage ditch.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – BAC .325

1/15/11 – 2:32 p.m. – Scott County

49-year-old male died during surgery, after suffering injuries when the snowmobile he was operating hit a snow bank, causing the snowmobile to roll and he was thrown from the machine.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail
Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Machine Rollover
Alcohol involved – no

12/30/10 – 7:00 p.m. – Hubbard County

18-year-old male died when the snowmobile he and a friend were towing a fish house with, broke into open water.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream
Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Broke Through Ice
Alcohol involved – BAC .07

12/19/10 – 4:00 p.m. – McLeod County

26-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating entered a large drainage ditch, operator was struck from behind by another machine.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Snowmobile Certificate – Yes

Type of Fatality – Machine-Machine Collision
Alcohol involved – no

11/30/10 – 8:00 p.m. – Isanti County

25-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a tree.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – no





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behaviors in motorized recreation!*



Websites and Information

INSTRUCTOR WEB PAGE:

[www.dnr.state.mn.us/
safety/instructors/
index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html)

**Register your class online
& sign up for the "Listserv
Email Service"!**

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

*All Terrain Vehicle Association
of Minnesota (ATVAM):*
www.atvam.org

*American Council of Snowmo-
bile Associations (ACSA):*
www.snowmobilers.org

ARMCA District 23:
www.armca.org

*Canadian Council of Snowmo-
bile Organizations:*
www.ccsoccom.ca

*International Snowmobile Hall
of Fame at:*
www.ishof.com

*International Snowmobile
Manufacturers Assn. (ISMA):*
www.snowmobile.org

MN 4WD Association:
www.mn4wda.com

*Minnesota United Snowmobile
Association (MnUSA):*
www.mnsnowmobiler.org

*National Off-Highway Vehicle
Conservation Council (NOHVCC)*
<http://www.nohvcc.org>

US ATV Accident Statistics
www.atvsafety.gov

*Have a safe enjoyable
winter!*

"Good teaching is more
a giving of right ques-
tions than a giving of
right answers."

--Josef Albers

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