2007-2008 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS
Updated as of April 2, 2008

Number of snowmobile fatalities 9

2/24/08, 2:17 p.m. – St. Louis County
25-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating collided with a car.
Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way Type of Fatality – Machine-Car Collision
Snowmobile Certificate – no Alcohol involved – BAC .035

2/18/08, 1:07 p.m. – Hennepin County
40-year-old female passenger died when the snowmobile she was on collided with a tree.
Type of Terrain – Private Property Type of Fatality – Struck Fixed Object
Snowmobile Certificate – no Alcohol involved – no

1/27/08, 1:00 p.m. - St. Louis County
25-year-old female died when the snowmobile she was operating on the Arrowhead Trail struck a tree.
Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail Type of Fatality – Struck a fixed object
Snowmobile Certificate - no Alcohol involved – no

1/25/08, 11:00 p.m. – Crow Wing County
33-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating crashed into shoreline trees.
Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Fatality – Struck a fixed object
Snowmobile Certificate – no Alcohol involved – BAC .258

1/19/08, 3:40 p.m. – Hubbard County
51-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating struck a tree on a trail in Itasca State Park.
Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail Type of Fatality – Struck a fixed object
Snowmobile Certificate – yes Alcohol involved – no

1/16/08, 6:30 p.m. – Lake of the Woods County
26-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a dock. His brother, who was a passenger, was not injured.
Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Fatality – Struck a fixed object
Snowmobile Certificate - yes Alcohol involved – BAC .15
1/11/08, 6:48 p.m. – Carlton County
56-year-old female died when the snowmobile she was operating left the Soo Line Trail into some trees.
Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail Type of Fatality – Struck a fixed object
Snowmobile Certificate - no Alcohol involved – BAC .258

12/23/07, 10:58 p.m. – Winona County
44-year-old male died on 12/29/07 from injuries sustained when the snowmobile he was operating at a high rate of speed hit a tree. The operator was wearing a helmet.
Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property Type of Fatality – Struck a fixed object
Snowmobile Certificate - no Alcohol involved – BAC .17

7. 12/14/07, - 10:08 p.m. - Roseau County
19-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating collided with a car.
Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way Type of Fatality – Machine-Car Collision
Snowmobile Certificate - yes Alcohol involved – pending results of testing
Reported Snowmobile Fatal & Non-Fatal Accidents
1998 - 2007

MN DNR Multi-Year Fatal Accidents

MN Dept. of Health Multi-Year Injury Accidents Requiring Emergency Room Treatment
Total Accidents – 201  Fatalities – 7  Personal Injuries – 170  Property Damage - 39

Accident Classifications

- Personal Injuries – 64%
- Property Damage – 3%
- No One Injured – 27%
- Fatal – 9%

Where Accidents Happen

- Private Unmarked Trail – 26%
- Private Marked Trail – 4%
- Road Right of Way – 36%
- Other – 3%
- Within Village Limits – 2%
- Govt Marked Trail – 10%

Type of Accidents

- Machine Rollover – 32%
- Struck Fixed Object – 41%
- Pedestrian hit – 7%
- Machine – Car Collision – 5%
- Lost Control – 3%
- Hit & Run – 3%

When Accidents Happen

- Saturday – 37%
- Sunday – 21%
- Monday – 12%
- Tuesday – 4%
- Wednesday – 7%
- Thursday – 6%
- Friday – 13%

Alcohol Involved in Accidents

- Yes – 39%
- No – 61%