2010-2011 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS
Updated as of May 5, 2011

Number of snowmobile fatalities 13

4/10/11 – Beltrami County
59-year-old 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
Snowmobile Certificate - no
Type of Fatality – Broke through ice
Alcohol involved – Unknown

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 – Private Marked Trail
Snowmobile Certificate - no
Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – BAC .235

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
Snowmobile Certificate - no
Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – BAC .267

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
Snowmobile Certificate - yes
Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
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
Snowmobile Certificate - no
Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
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. – Mahnomen 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

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

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 Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Snowmobile Certificate – yes 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 Type of Fatality – Machine Rollover
Snowmobile Certificate – No 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 Type of Fatality – Broke Through Ice
Snowmobile Certificate – yes 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 Type of Fatality – Machine-Machine Collision
Snowmobile Certificate – Yes 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 Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Snowmobile Certificate – yes Alcohol involved – no
Number of snowmobile fatalities              13
Number of injuries reported            175
Total number of accidents reported       218
Number of machines damaged            180
Personal Property Damage              39

Reported Snowmobile Fatal & Non-Fatal Accidents
1999 - 2010

MN DNR Multi-Year
Fatal Accidents

MN Dept. of Health Multi-Year
Injury Accidents Requiring
Emergency Room Treatment
2010-2011 Snowmobile Accident Data Summary

Accident Classifications

- Fatalities: 6%
- Property Damage: 17%
- Personal Injuries: 77%

Where Accidents Happen

- Within City or Village Limits: 5%
- Government Marked Trail: 28%
- Private Unmarked Property: 11%
- Lake or Stream: 18%
- Private Marked Trail: 12%
- Road Right of Way: 28%

Type of Accidents

- Excessive Speed: 4%
- MachinCe-car Collision: 6%
- Other: 5%
- Loss of Control: 5%
- Struck Fixed Object: 38%
- Machine Rollover: 14%
- Operator Thrown from Machine: 22%
2010-2011 Snowmobile Fatality Data

Fatals Grouped by Age

- 40 thru 49: 21%
- 50 thru 59: 5%
- 60 thru 69: 16%
- 30 thru 39: 32%
- 20 thru 29: 16%
- 10 thru 19: 10%

Alcohol Involved in Fatal Accidents

- YES: 28%
- NO: 72%

Fatalities by Gender

- FEMALE: 0%
- MALE: 100%