Winter of 2012-2013 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS
Updated July 22, 2014

Number of snowmobile fatalities  8

12/25/12 – 2:26 p.m. – Otter Tail County
40-year-old male died from severe head trauma when his snowmobile hit a trailer.
Type of Terrain – Private Property      Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Snowmobile Certificate – no       Alcohol involved – Yes, BAC .02

12/29/12 – 9:58 a.m. – Itasca County
38-year-old male died from injuries after striking a rock while operating his snowmobile on a frozen river.
Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream      Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Snowmobile Certificate – no       Alcohol involved – Yes, BAC .18

12/31/12 –10:13 p.m. – Stearns County
A 33-year-old male died from internal injuries after losing control of his snowmobile and was ejected into a group of trees.
Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-way      Type of Fatality – Strike Fixed Object
Snowmobile Certificate – no       Alcohol involved – Yes, BAC .17

2/7/13 –7:32 p.m. – Hubbard County
A 42-year-old male died from injuries received after colliding with a car while crossing a roadway.
Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-way      Type of Fatality – machine-car collision
Snowmobile Certificate – no       Alcohol involved – Yes, BAC .024

2-16-13  11:14 a.m. Washington County
A 19-year-old died from drowning after his snowmobile went through the ice in the St Croix River near Bayport, MN.
Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream      Type of Fatality – Broke through Ice
Snowmobile Certificate – yes       Alcohol involved - Positive for THC

2-16-13  6:41 p.m. Pine County
A 43-year-old male is presumed to have drowned after his snowmobile went through the ice on the St Croix River.
Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream      Type of Fatality – Broke through Ice
Snowmobile Certificate – no       Alcohol involved – Yes, BAC .017
2-23-13  6:45 p.m. Meeker County
A 31-year-old male man died after his snowmobile collided with a freight train in the City of Dassel. Two snowmobiles were traveling along the railroad track in Dassel at about 6:45 Saturday evening when an eastbound train passed. The lead snowmobile reportedly went out of control and slid into the side of the train.

Type of Terrain – Railroad Right-of-way
Snowmobile Certificate – yes

Type of Fatality – Loss of Control
Alcohol involved – No

3-21-13  4:30 p.m. Wright County
A 19-year-old male died after the snowmobile he was riding went over a hill and rolled over victim.

Type of Terrain – Golf Course
Snowmobile Certificate – no

Type of Fatality – Loss of Control
Alcohol involved – No