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# COORDINATOR'S CORNER



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#### TRAIL AMBASSA-DORS...THEY'RE HERE!!!

It has been an extremely busy fall and winter in the Education and Safety Section and this newsletter is long overdue!

One of the biggest projects we've been working on is the new volunteer 'Trail Ambassador' program. This is a program that the state OHV associations have worked towards for the last few years.

Well their hard work finally paid off. The 2007 Minnesota Legislature passed legislation early last year establishing an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Safety and Conservation Program and Advisory Council (see page 4) effective July of 2007. The DNR divisions of Enforcement, Trails and Waterways, and Forestry, with input from OHV user groups, worked together to develop the 'Minnesota DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassador Program'.

The two-year initiative that was passed provides \$250,000 from the ATV fund

each year in grants to qualifying organizations to assist in safety and environmental education and monitoring trails on public lands.

Oversight and implementation responsibilities of this new program landed with our section, the Division of Enforcements Safety and Education Section.

The first step we took was to research other existing OHV Safety/Trail programs and information. We contacted over six other states, as well as other national organizations such as the U.S. Forest Service.

We found many other agencies are successfully using trained volunteers on the trails to inform and educate the public. We concluded that a similar 'trail ambassador' type program for our state would be a wise use of the allocated funds to promote safe, environmentally responsible operation of OHVs.

From there we established volunteer requirements and

put together a 'Volunteer Trail Ambassador Manual' which spells out many of the program details. Many of the volunteer requirements and expectations for ambassadors are the same as for our safety instructors.

Of course with a new program comes new forms and paperwork. After establishing what information we wanted the volunteers to capture during their time on the trail, the ambassador forms were created and eventually approved. During this lengthy process we continued communicating with the state OHV associations for feedback and input.

Once the majority of the program components were in place we scheduled the first 'Trail Ambassador' training sessions. As of today we have held three training sessions and are planning more around the state for late April, May and early June. Watch our website! Look further in this newsletter for more 'Trail Ambassa-

## MnUSA Rendezvous 'Good Times had by All!'

Even though the snow and weather conditions were a little less than desirable the MnUSA Rendezvous 2008 in Brainerd was a great event. Conferences like this provide us at the DNR the opportunity for networking with those people who actively support their sport, the trail systems and our programs. We rub elbows with current (& future!) youth safety instructors & trail users from all over the state. *Cont. on page 4* 

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# 2007 Snowmobile Safety Instructors of the Year



It doesn't happen every year but this year it did! For 2007, not one but TWO Snowmobile Safety Instructors were recognized for their hard work, dedication and years of commitment to the youth safety training program. The MN DNR 2007 Snowmobile Instructors of the Year are **Bob and Marie Linn**. They were honored at the MNUSA Winter Rendezvous this past February in Brainerd. DNR En-

the MNUSA Winter Rendezvous this past February in Brainerd. DNR Enforcement Education Program Coordinator Capt. Mike Hammer was on hand to make the presentation. The DNR recognizes the great strides Bob, Marie and other volunteer instructors make to improve the image and safety record of snowmobiling in Minnesota.

Each year the DNR honors outstanding citizen volunteers who are selected from a pool of many deserving instructors.



Bob and Marie Linn with DNR Deputy Commissioner Laurie Martinson.

Congratulations to Bob & Marie Linn and 'Thank You' to all volunteer instructors who make snowmobiling a safer sport!

## REMINDERS FROM RIPLEY SUPPORT STAFF

# Safety Training Instructor Page on DNR Website

Go to:

www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html
Here you will find useful information for instructors!

- You can order your class supplies on-line, request a replacement Instructor Card, find scheduled Instructor Clinics, and much more!
- You can also subscribe to our mailing list to receive important e-mails.

Follow the directions at the bottom of the Instructor Page.

#### **ATTENTION INSTRUCTORS!!**

Please fill out a class registration form for every class taught, even if supplies are not needed.

Filling out rosters is for Instructors only.

Do NOT allow any students to fill out the student roster that is returned to Ripley.

We've gotten some with missing/
incomplete information.

Also, please double check your rosters before you mail them. Make sure <u>all</u> necessary information is present and legible, i.e. full legal name, birth date, current address.

## 2006 ATV Instructor of the Year

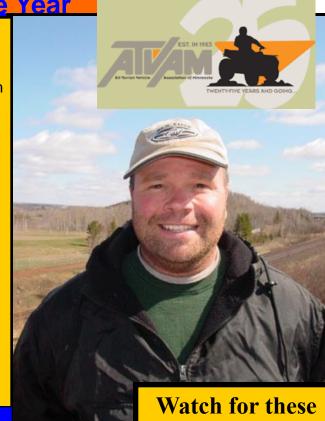
#### FIRST ANNUAL ATV AWARD OF IT'S KIND!

The DNR regularly recognizes volunteers who make outstanding efforts to promote safety education through the different DNR safety training programs.

Last May **Dave Hendricks** was honored as the first DNR Volunteer ATV Safety Instructor of the Year. He was presented the award at the ATVAM Spring Fair in Sauk Rapids, a recently new annual event that Dave has helped bring together.

Dave Hendricks is from the south metro area and last year scheduled over 20 DNR ATV safety classes, involving over 15 certified volunteers and other assistants, resulting in training over 300 students. He has also made presentations to legislative committees which has helped to make a positive impact on ATV rules, laws and regulations.

He is a former Vice-President of the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM) in 2003 and was President of ATVAM from 2004 to 2006.



Watch for these NEW! designated trail signs!

## Thank You ATV Instructors!!

## New ATV Laws for 2007-2008

As most of you know there have been more changes to the state ATV laws stemming from the last legislative session. Nothing earth shattering but information you, as instructors, should be aware of:

- The 2008 registration fee for an allterrain vehicle (ATV) is \$45, plus the issuance fee. Effective 1/1/08
- ►No registration is required for ATVs 25 years or older. Effective 7/1/07
- ▶In addition to public lands, safety training is now required for operating an ATV on frozen waters, public road rights-of way, and state or grant-in-aid trails. Effective 8/1/07
- All ATV operators and passengers under the age of 18 must wear a helmet. Effective 8/1/07

This is only a brief summary of ATV law changes.

- Class 2 ATV operators and passengers under the age of 18 must wear a seatbelt if provided by the machine manufacturer. Effective 8/1/07
- Class 2 ATVs can carry one passenger or up to the number of passengers the machine is designed to carry, whichever is greater. Effective 8/1/07
- Road authorities may now restrict operation of ATVs on local and county roads. Effective 8/1/07

Watch for the NEW regulation books available soon!



Class 1 ATV Trail Indicator



Class 1 and 2 ATV Trail
Indicator

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# Mini What?? Mini Trucks!! Not ATV's!!

You may have seen these cute little four-wheel drive foreign utility trucks driving around or sitting at a dealer for sale. These are the latest motor vehicles to arrive on the recreational vehicle scene. Our Conservation Officers have seen a few that were registered as Class 2 ATV's. There's only one problem, most don't meet the statutory definition of a Class 2 ATV!

Remember — **ATV Definition:** Motorized, flotation-tired vehicles with at least three but no more than six low-pressure tires, with an engine **less than 800cc. Class 2:** Total dry weight of **900 to 1500 lbs.** I researched these mini trucks on the web and with the MN State Patrol. Here's what I found out from the Patrol:



Sgt. Harry Berg, Vehicle Crimes Task Force, with the MN State Patrol said, "...these vehicles do not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards and cannot be registered to use public highways. Federal standards require that all manufacturers, even foreign, of vehicles made for use on US public roadways must register with NHTSA and SAE to receive their World Manufacturer Identification. A WMI is the first three characters of the 17 character VIN, also required by the federal standards. Therefore, they can be used only on private property." That covers the legality of mini trucks on MN roadways.

I looked into the truck specifications to see if they would meet the definition of a Class 2 ATV. After finding specs on the web, talking to dealers and getting information from a mini truck exporter/importer, I discovered that 99% do **NOT** meet the definition of a Class 2 ATV because **they are over 1500 lbs** in weight. When these mini-trucks are registered, the owner needs to provide sufficient evidence (certified scale papers, etc...) as to the vehicles true weight. I share this information with you so that your are educated and can now educate others!

## 'Just the Facts Ma'am!'

We want <u>accurate</u> data on ATV Accident Reports. Please remind parents and students of the following report filing guidelines:

The <u>operator</u> and an officer investigating an off-highway vehicle accident **must** file a written report of the accident to the DNR within 10 days if the accident resulted in a human **injury** requiring medical attention, hospitalization, or death; and/or total damage of \$300 or more for ORVs, or \$500 or more for ATVs or OHMs.

#### RENDEZVOUS CONT'D FROM PAGE 1

From this interaction we gain valuable insight and feedback about our Snowmobile Safety program, trails and overall enforcement efforts. This leads to strengthening the relationships between the state snowmobiling association, the local clubs and the DNR Divisions which, in turn, results in great trails and well trained safety minded youth in Minnesota.

#### **Thanks MnUSA!!**

Let's continue to work together for the greater good of the sport!

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# TRAIL AMBASSADOR-OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL

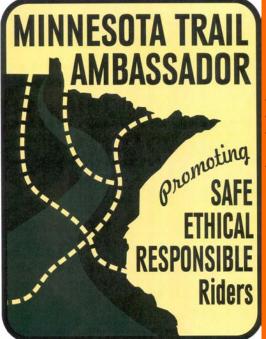
The new OHV Safety & Conservation program came with a DNR Commissioner appointed Advisory Council. The duties of this group are to simply advise the commissioner on: (1) off-highway vehicle safety; and (2) standards and certification for organizations and individuals participating as

#### **ATTENTION: ATV INSTRUCTOR NOMINATIONS WANTED!**

There is still time to send in your nomination forms for the 2007 ATV Instructor of the Year! The DNR Enforcement Education Section and the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM) want to recognize the dedicated individuals who provide Youth ATV Safety Training. This annual award will be presented May 3rd at the 2008 ATV Fair in Sauk Rapids. Nomination forms are available by calling 1-800-366-8917 or via e-mail:

enforcement.education@dnr.state.mn.us

#### **NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 28th!!**



#### **Trail Ambassador Requirements**

Many have asked about how to become involved in the new 'Trail Ambassador' program. Here are the requirements:

#### **INDIVIDUALS**

Must be 18 Years old or older & Possess valid Drivers License!

- Must be an active Certified Youth ATV Instructor
- Must successfully complete Adult ATV Safety Training CD
- Must review and be knowledgeable in current Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations
- Must Complete a 'Trail Ambassador' training session Individuals must be sponsored by a qualified organization!

#### **QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS**

Qualified organizations, or sponsors, (i.e. local OHV clubs) are required to be current members in good standing of one of the following:

Amateur Riders Motorcycle Association (ARMCA); All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM); Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA); Minnesota 4 Wheel Drive Association (MN4WDA).

Qualifying organizations must be willing participants in the Trail Ambassador grant program.

Grants issued under this program: (1) must be issued through a formal agreement with the organization; and (2) must not be used as a substitute for traditional spending by the organization.

#### BE A TRAIL AMBASSADOR!

- Do you meet the qualifications listed?
- Do you want to make a Positive Impact on the future of OHV riding?
- Do you believe in Education?
   Watch our website for upcoming
   Ambassador training dates & Get Involved!

\*\*Volunteer ambassadors are responsible for greeting fellow enthusiasts, educating riders, giving minor aid in emergencies, and providing useful information about responsible OHV use on public lands!\*\*

Trail Ambassadors carry no law enforcement authority above that of a regular citizen.

#### First Trail Ambassador Training Graduates

Front Row L-R; Mike and Cari Devine, Roger Bentley, Mary Broten-DNR T&W, Les Goeman, Dan Scholl

Back Row L-R; Rusell Heittola, Mark Phipps, Len Hardy



# **SNOWMOBILE FATALITIES Winter 2006-2007**



Number of snowmobile fatalities14Number of injuries reported169Total number of accidents reported200

#### 1. 4/6/07, 5:04 p.m. - Beltrami County

50-year-old male died from head injuries when the snowmobile he was operating hit a tree.

Type of Terrain – Private Marked Trail Type of Fatality – Struck a Tree

Snowmobile Certificate - no Alcohol involved – BAC .26

#### 2. 3/3/07, 1:58 a.m. - Mille Lacs County

41-year-old male pedestrian died when he was struck by a snowmobile.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way Type of Fatality – Pedestrian struck by Snowmobile

Snowmobile certificate - no Alcohol involved – BAC .23

#### 3. <u>2/17/07</u>, 5:49 p.m. – Becker County

32-year-old male died when he was thrown from his snowmobile after hitting an embankment.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail Type of Fatality – Operator thrown from machine Snowmobile certificate – no Alcohol involved – BAC .29

#### 4. 2/16/07, 5:54 p.m. - Cass County

50-year-old male died from head injuries when he was thrown from his snowmobile after hitting a pressure ridge on Gull Lake.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Fatality – Operator thrown from machine

Snowmobile certificate - no Alcohol involved – BAC .225

#### 5. <u>2/10/07</u>, 5:47 p.m. – Roseau County

13-year-old female died from head injuries when the snowmobile she was operating hit a tree.

The operator was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain - Private Unmarked Property Type of Fatality - Struck a tree

Snowmobile certificate - no Alcohol involved – no

#### 6. <u>1/26/07</u>, <u>11:00 p.m. - Cook County</u>

23-year-old male died after the snowmobile he was operating struck the shoreline. The operator was thrown from his sled into a tree.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Fatality – Operator thrown from machine

Snowmobile certificate - no Alcohol involved – BAC .23

#### 7. 1/24/07, 8:22 p.m. – Chisago County

21-year-old male died after riding his snowmobile into a patch of Cattails near the shore of West Rush Lake. The operator was ejected from his sled.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Fatality – Operator thrown from machine

Snowmobile certificate – no Alcohol involved – BAC .41

#### 8. <u>1/21/07</u>, 2:00 p.m. – Kandiyohi County

31-year-old female died when her snowmobile collided with an SUV. Passenger was injured and hospitalized.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way Type of Fatality – Machine-Vehicle Collision

Snowmobile certificate – no Alcohol involved – no



#### Snowmobile Fatalities 2006-2007 Continued



#### 9. <u>1/15/07</u>, <u>4:50 p.m. - Hennepin County</u>

56-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating went thru the ice on Lake Minnetonka.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Fatality – Broke through ice

Snowmobile certificate - no Alcohol involved - no

#### 10. <u>1/14/07</u>, <u>11:27 p.m. - LeSueur County</u>

An 18-year-old male was found on 1/22/07 after his snowmobile went thru the ice on Lake Tetonka the evening of 1/15/07.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Fatality – Broke through ice

Snowmobile certificate - yes Alcohol involved – no

#### 11. <u>1/14/07</u>, 9:08 p.m. – Becker County

20-year-old male died when he lost control of the snowmobile he was operating. Causing it to roll ejecting the operator.

Type of Terrain – Township Road Type of Fatality – Machine Rollover

Snowmobile certificate – no Alcohol involved – no

#### 12. <u>1/1/07</u>, 10:48 a.m. – St. Louis County

15-year-old male died when his snowmobile collided with a snowplow.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way Type of Fatality – Machine-Vehicle Collision

Snowmobile certificate – yes Alcohol involved – no

#### 13. <u>12/6/06</u>, 8:29 a.m. – St. Louis County

66-year-old male died when his snowmobile broke through the ice on Burntside Lake.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Fatality – Broke through ice

Snowmobile certificate – no Alcohol involved – no

#### 14. 11/24/06, 1:19 a.m. – Faribault County

28-year-old male died when he jumped a field approach and lost control of his snowmobile. He was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way Type of Fatality – Struck Field Approach

Snowmobile certificate – yes Alcohol involved – BAC .2651

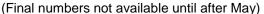


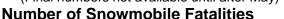






#### 2007-2008 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS





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#### 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 – pending results of testing

#### 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 – pending results of testing

#### 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 – pending results of testing

#### 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 – pending results of testing

#### 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

#### 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





# 2007 FINAL SUMMARY OF FATAL ATV ACCIDENTS Number of ATV Fatalities 14

#### 1. 12/4/07 – 3:00 p.m. – Itasca County

Operator died when the ATV he was operating was hit broadside by a school bus. More details to follow.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property
Alcohol involved – pending results of testing
All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate -

#### 2. <u>11/1/07 – 12:11 p.m. – Nicollet County</u>

24-year-old male died when he lost control of the ATV he was operating and struck a cement wall. He was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property
Alcohol involved – pending results of testing

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

#### 3. <u>9/16/07 – 4:26 p.m. - Todd County</u>

32-year-old female died when the ATV she was operating hit a rut and rolled.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – no All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 4. <u>9/10/07 – 2:51 a.m. – Stearns County</u>

21-year-old female died when the ATV she was a passenger on was struck from behind by a car and both were thrown from the machine. The ATV operator is in serious condition in the hospital.

Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-Way Type of Accident – Machine-Car Collision Alcohol involved – BAC .162 All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

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#### 5. <u>9/2/07 – Goodhue County</u>

22-year-old female died when the ATV she was a passenger on hit a pile of rocks in a culvert and both were thrown from the machine.

Type of Terrain – New trail being developed

Alcohol involved – BAC .001

Type of Accident – Thrown from machine

All Terrain Vehicle Safety

Certificate - no

#### 6. <u>8/8/07, 7:00 p.m. – Kandiyohi County</u>

13-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating rolled into a drainage ditch and he was pinned underneath the machine.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property Type of Accident – Machine Rollover Alcohol involved – no All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - yes

#### 7. <u>8/5/07, 8:00 p.m. – Clay County</u>

13-year-old male died when he lost control of the ATV he was operating, causing the ATV to roll in a ditch.

Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-way Type of Accident – Operator thrown from machine Alcohol involved – no All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 8. <u>7/3/07, 11:08 p.m. – Cass County</u>

16-year-old male died when the ATV he was a passenger on left the roadway and struck a tree. Operator was impaired.

Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-way Type of Accident – Struck a fixed object Alcohol involved – Operator .12; Passenger .058 All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 9. <u>6/9/07, 9:30 p.m. – Lake County</u>

58-year-old male died on 6/10/07 after being found on 6/9/07 at an intersection north of Silver Bay with his ATV on top of him. He was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-way Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved - no All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 10. 5/29/07, 8:19 p.m. – Roseau County

7-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating rolled into a ditch, landing on him.

Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-way Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – no All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 11. 5/23/07, 8:40 p.m. - Pine County

51-year-old female pedestrian died after being struck by an ATV near Hinckley as she was walking on the side of a road.

Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-way Type of Accident – Pedestrian

Alcohol involved – no All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 12. <u>5/16/07, 6:06 p.m. - Houston County</u>

76-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating on a hill, overturned and landed on operator, pinning him underneath the ATV.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved - no All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 13. <u>5/8/07, 10:16 a.m. – Beltrami County</u>

66-year-old female died when she lost control of the ATV she was operating causing to rollover on the roadway. She was not wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain - Road Right-of way

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved - no

tificate - no

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Cer-

#### 14. <u>1/26/07, 1:51 a.m. – Otter Tail County</u>

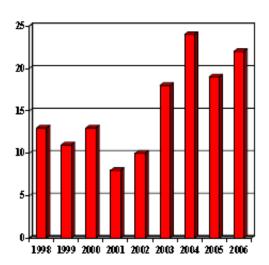
24-year-old male died when he fell off the ATV he was operating and suffered fatal head injuries. He was wearing a helmet.

Type of Terrain – Road Right-of-way Alcohol involved – BAC .07

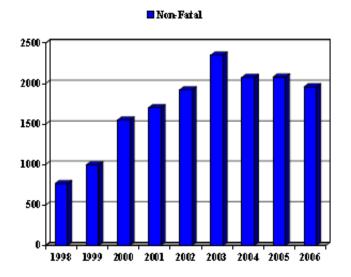
Type of Accident – Operator thrown from machine

All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate





MN DNR Multi-Year Reported Fatal Accidents



MN Dept. of Health Multi-Year Reported ATV Accidents Requiring Emergency Room Treatment

# Reported ATV Fatal Accidents and Injury Accidents Requiring Emergency Room Treatment 1998 - 2006 2008 SUMMARY OF FATAL ATV ACCIDENTS

Fatals To Date: 4 Updated March 13, 2008

#### 1) <u>3/10/08 – 4:00 p.m. – Crow Wing County</u>

56-year-old female died on 3/11/08 as a result of an ATV accident that occurred on 3/10/08 near South Long Lake, when the machine rolled over and she was thrown onto pavement.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 2) 3/8/08 – 1:45 a.m. – Crow Wing County

21-year-old male died when he was thrown from the ATV he was a passenger on (along with several adult passengers) in a ditch near Brainerd International Raceway. The operator and other passengers all survived. The operator is being charged with vehicular homicide as a result of the accident.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way Type of Accident – Machine Rollover

Alcohol involved – pending results of testing All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### 3) <u>2/23/08 – 3:56 p.m. – McLeod County</u>

33-year-old male died when the ATV he was operating collided with another ATV on a curve on Crow River, causing the ATV to roll and the operator was thrown into the other ATV. Both drivers were wearing helmets. The other operator had serious injury to his arm.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream Type of Accident – Machine-Machine Collision

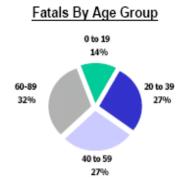
Alcohol involved – pending results of testing All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate – no

#### 4) <u>1/8/08 – 4:59 p.m. – Otter Tail County</u>

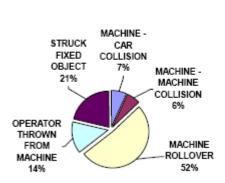
37-year-old male died when he lost control of the ATV he was operating, causing the ATV to roll into an oncoming lane and the driver was thrown from the vehicle.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way Type of

Type of Accident – Machine Rollover



#### Type of Accidents





Alcohol involved – pending results of testing All Terrain Vehicle Safety Certificate - no

#### Where Accidents Happen









PRESORTED
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Permit NO. 100

### MINNESOTA DNR ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Enforcement, Education Section
15011 Hwy 115
Little Falls, MN 56345-4173

Phone: 1-800-366-8917 Fax: 320-616-2517 Email: enforcement.education@dnr.state.mn.us

Modeling safe, responsible, & ethical behaviors



## **Websites and Information**

INSTRUCTOR WEB PAGE: www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/instructors/index.html

Register your class online & sign up for 'Instructor News' via E-mail!

# VISIT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ON THE INTERNET

Minnesota United Snowmobile Association can be found at: www.mnsnwmobiler.org

All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota at: www.atvam.org

International Snowmobile Manufacturers Assn. at: www.snowmobile.org American Council of Snowmobile Associations at: www.snowmobilers.org

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

MN 4WD Association www.mn4wda.com

ARMCA District 23 www.armca.org

Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations at: www.ccsoccom.ca

US ATV Accident Statistics www.atvsafety.gov

National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council http://www.nohvcc.org

# Thank You for all of your hard work!

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Student must be 11 or older at the start of any Snowmobile Safety or ATV Training class.

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\*Please notify us of any change in address that you might have.\*