

December 14, 2006

**SNOWMOBILE FATALITIES
2005-2006 SEASON**

Number of snowmobile fatalities	22
Number of injuries reported	213
Total number of accidents reported	251
Number of machines damaged	183

49% Of the fatalities involved alcohol

33 of the operators involved in injury or property damage accidents used alcohol

3/18/06, 8:50 p.m. – Scott County

52-year-old male died when he fell off his snowmobile and was run over by another snowmobile.

Snowmobile certificate – no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .181**

3/5/06, 1:43 a.m. - Isanti County

33-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating struck a piece of land protruding from the shoreline on Long Lake.

Snowmobile certificate - no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .189**

3/4/06, 4:25 p.m. – Lake County

45-year-old male died when he was thrown from the snowmobile he was operating and hit by another oncoming snowmobile.

Snowmobile certificate – no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .07**

2/26/06, 12:00 p.m. – Lake County

21-year-old male died when he lost control of the snowmobile he was operating and collided with an oncoming snowmobile.

Snowmobile certificate – yes. Alcohol involved – no.

2/25/06, 4:45 p.m. – Itasca County

62-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating collided head on with another snowmobile.

Snowmobile certificate – no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .16**

2/18/06, 5:00 p.m. – Norman County

20-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating collided head on with an oncoming snowmobile.
Snowmobile certificate – yes. Alcohol involved – no

2/10/06, 3:30 p.m. – Cass County

27-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating left the Heartland Trail and crashed into a tree.
Snowmobile certificate - no. Alcohol involved – no.

2/9/06, 7:00 p.m. – Chisago County

51-year-old male died on 2/10/06 when the snowmobile he was operating struck a fish house.
Snowmobile certificate – no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .29**

1/29/2006, 2:30 a.m. – Otter Tail County

25-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating fell through the ice on Pelican Lake. The passenger on the snowmobile survived the accident.
Snowmobile certificate - no. Alcohol involved – no.

1/27/2006, 9:47 p.m. - Mahnommen County

34-year-old female died when she fell off the snowmobile she was operating and was hit by a car.
Snowmobile certificate - no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .34**

1/27/2006, 10:00 a.m. - Lake County

59-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating on the North Shore State Trail hit a tree.
Snowmobile certificate - no. Alcohol involved – no.

1/25/2006, 1:06 a.m. – Yellow Medicine County

23-year-old male died on 2/10/06 after the snowmobile he was operating hit a drainage ditch.
Snowmobile certificate – yes. Alcohol involved – **BAC .011**

1/25/2006, 12:00 a.m. - Crow Wing County

39-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a guardrail.
Snowmobile certificate - yes. Alcohol involved – **BAC .19**

1/19/2006, 3:00 p.m. – Kandiyohi County

20-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating went through open water on Green Lake.
Snowmobile certificate - yes. Alcohol involved – no.

1/8/2006, 10:52 a.m. – Big Stone County

18-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating vaulted across a highway and struck the side of an oncoming vehicle.
Snowmobile certificate – yes. Alcohol involved – **BAC .10**

1/2/2006, 3:04 p.m. - Nobles County

13-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating crossed a county highway without stopping and was hit by a milk truck.
Snowmobile certificate - yes. Alcohol involved – no.

1/1/2006, 3:01 p.m. - Redwood County

18-year-old female died when the snowmobile she was a passenger on came out of a ditch and onto a road, colliding with a car.
Snowmobile certificate - no. Alcohol involved – no.

12/20/2005, 7:35 p.m. – Blue Earth County

27-year-old male died approximately 2 weeks after the accident, due to losing control of the snowmobile he was operating and hit a tree.
Snowmobile certificate – no. Alcohol involved – no.

12/20/2005, 9:20 p.m. - Morrison County

33-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating left Abbey Rd. and went into the ditch. He was then thrown from the machine into a group of trees.
Snowmobile certificate – no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .16**

12/18/2005, 7:52 a.m. – Beltrami County

20-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating failed to make a right hand turn and struck several trees.

Snowmobile certificate – yes. Alcohol involved – **BAC .20**

12/3/2005, 11:35 p.m. – Otter Tail County

30-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating hit a grove of trees.
Snowmobile certificate – no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .17**

12/3/2005, 7:21 p.m. – Goodhue County

41-year-old male died when the snowmobile he was operating in a ditch struck a fire hydrant and was thrown from his machine.

Snowmobile certificate – no. Alcohol involved – **BAC .033**