



2013-2014 FATAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENTS

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Number of snowmobile fatalities

15

4/4/2014 – 10:29 a.m. – Goodhue County

A 57-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating was hit by a vehicle as he attempted to cross a county road.

Type of Terrain – Road Right-Of-Way

Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Machine-Car Collision

Alcohol involved - No

3/1/2014 – 4:40 p.m. – Aitkin County

A 53-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating hit a tree at a curve in the trail and was thrown from machine.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail

Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol involved - No

2/16/2014 – 1:30 p.m. – Crow Wing County

A 30-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating collided with a train.

Type of Terrain – Railroad Right-of-Way

Snowmobile Certificate – Yes

Type of Fatality – Other / Train

Alcohol involved - No

2/13/2014 – 8:44 p.m. – Chippewa County

A 41-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating hit a tree stump and he was thrown from the machine.

Type of Terrain – Lake or Stream

Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol involved - .037

2/8/2014 – 10:27 p.m. – Houston County

A 24-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after being thrown from the snowmobile he was operating. He died 4 days later.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way

Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Operator thrown from machine

Alcohol involved – .119

2/4/2014 – 7:45 a.m. – Carver County

A 22-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating hit a fallen tree and he was thrown from the machine.

Type of Terrain – Unmarked Private Property

Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object

Alcohol involved - No

2/1/2014 – 2:09 p.m. – Wright County

A 34-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating collided with a vehicle.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail
Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Machine – Car Collision
Alcohol involved - No

1/26/2014 – 12:13 a.m. – Nobles County

A 29-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating hit field approach and he was thrown from the machine striking a speed limit sign.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Snowmobile Certificate – Yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – .160

1/22/2014 – 6:25 p.m. – Becker County

A 30-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating hit a guy-wire and he was thrown from the machine.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of Way
Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – .246

1/18/2014 – 1:30 a.m. – Todd County

22-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating hit an embankment and he was thrown from the machine.

Type of Terrain – Lakeshore
Snowmobile Certificate – Yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – .272

1/17/2014 – 9:15 a.m. – Mille Lacs County

51-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating hit several drifts of snow across trail and hit the last drift off center throwing operator into several trees.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail
Snowmobile Certificate – Yes

Type of Fatality – Thrown from Machine
Alcohol involved - No

1/11/2014 – 3:05 p.m. – Wright County

51-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after the snowmobile he was operating hit a snow crest and he was thrown from the machine.

Type of Terrain – Road Right of way
Snowmobile Certificate – Yes

Type of Fatality – Thrown from Machine
Alcohol involved - .036

12/28/2013 – 2:25 p.m. – Beltrami County

23-year-old male died from injuries he sustained after his snowmobile struck a mailbox, telephone box, and several trees.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property
Snowmobile Certificate – Yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – .219

12/21/13 – 11:20 a.m. – Chisago County

63-year-old male died from injuries sustained when attempting to brake when he hit the left hand throttle on an unfamiliar snowmobile and hit a trailer.

Type of Terrain – Private Unmarked Property
Snowmobile Certificate – No

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – .163

12/15/13 – 3:30 p.m. – Pine County

22-year-old male died from injuries sustained when his snowmobile left the trail and hit a tree.

Type of Terrain – Government Marked Trail
Snowmobile Certificate – Yes

Type of Fatality – Struck a Fixed Object
Alcohol involved – Yes, No test done