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## 2007-2008 Snowmobile Program Report Summary

### Recreation Enforcement and Education Section

The 2007-2008 Snowmobile Program Report was compiled from the 25 fatal investigations and other data collected during the fiscal year (a fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30). The fatality total was one less than the 2006-2007 fatality total of 26 and also below the 12 year average of 27.6. Fatalities decreased despite having one of the best snowmobile seasons on record, with several areas of state reaching record snowfall levels. The only additional safety measure implemented during recent years was the nighttime, 55 m.p.h. speed limit which was supported by the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs and the Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council. Volunteer snowmobile safety instructors certified 7,499 students; the largest number of students certified since the 2001 – 2002 season when 14,588 students were certified when Snowmobile Safety Education became mandatory.

Conservation Wardens are required to investigate all snowmobile fatalities; Wisconsin law also requires that a conservation warden or law enforcement officer be notified immediately of any snowmobile incident that results in an injury requiring medical treatment by a physician. In addition, the operator(s) involved in these reportable incidents must file a written report with the Department of Natural Resources within 10 days.

#### Factors

Alcohol, speed and nighttime operation continue to be the main contributing factors involved with fatal snowmobile incidents. During the 2007-2008 season, 72% of the incidents were alcohol involved. This was above the five year average of 66 % alcohol involvement. Speed was also involved in 72% of the incidents and 60% of the incidents occurred during the hours of darkness. The number of operators arrested for operating a snowmobile while intoxicated (75) was near average.

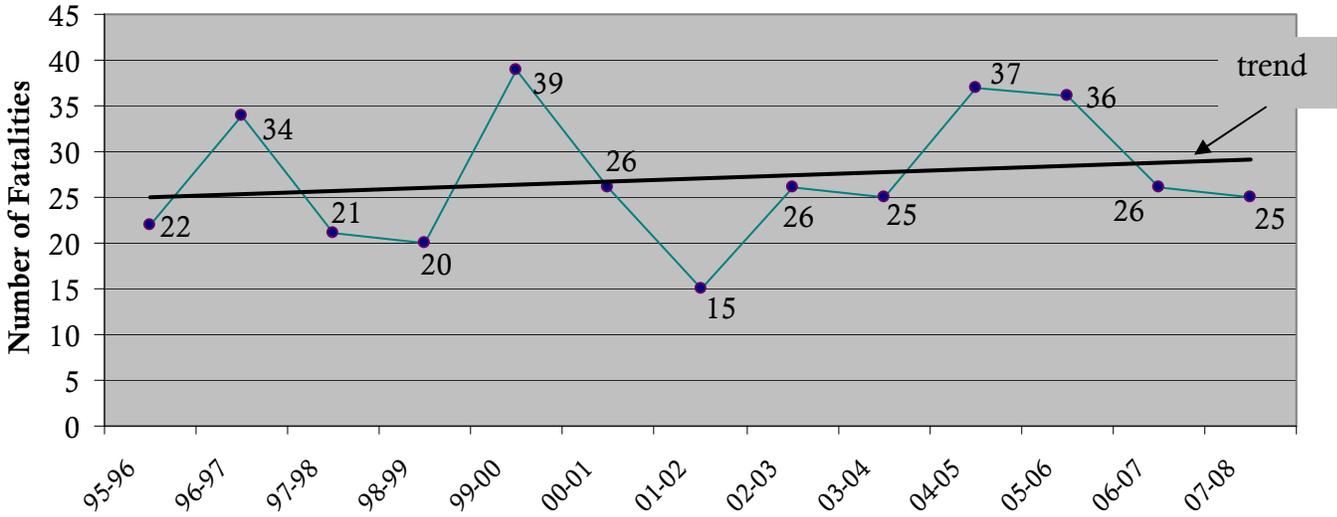
The two top locations where fatal incidents occurred were public trails (44%), followed by public highway/routes (36%). It should be noted that the number of incidents occurring on frozen waterways has reduced over the last two years after enactment of the nighttime, 55 m.p.h. speed limit. Law enforcement effort is often focused on frozen waterways, where the majority of nighttime speeding complaints originate. Causes for the fatal incidents included: collision with a fixed object (9), collision with a vehicle (7), head on collision with another snowmobile (3), drowning (3) struck by a snowmobile after being ejected (2) and one striking a snow drift.

#### Safety Tips

The Department recommends the following tips to help ensure safe, enjoyable and ethical snowmobile experience for everyone.

- Complete a Wisconsin Snowmobile Safety Course. This course helps establish a safety mindset and provides basic knowledge in safe, legal and ethical operation. Visit: [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) to find a course near you.
- When crossing roads, always take your safety into your own hands. Never allow someone to wave you across. Cross only when you have determined it is safe to do so.
- Use the highest degree of caution while traveling across frozen waterways. Check ice conditions with local law enforcement or bait shops, carry or wear a floatation device, limit travel at night and if you DON'T KNOW, DON'T GO.
- Use the buddy system, never ride alone.
- Don't drink and ride. Alcohol affects a person's reaction time and judgment. Wait until you're done riding for the day before consuming any alcoholic beverages. If not for yourself, do it for your family.
- Slow down. High speed operation leaves little room for mistakes and greatly increases stopping distances. Many snowmobile fatalities could have been prevented if the operators were only going slower.
- Nighttime speeds above 40 m.p.h. cause operators to override their headlamps. At this speed, operators have little chance of avoiding a hazard once it is illuminated by their headlamps.
- Respect private property. The majority of the snowmobile trails in Wisconsin are on private property. Snowmobile clubs invest much time and effort to set up agreements with landowners each year. Riding outside the marked trails on private property is trespass and has caused landowners to close their properties to trails, sometimes forever. Stay within the marked trails and don't cut corners.

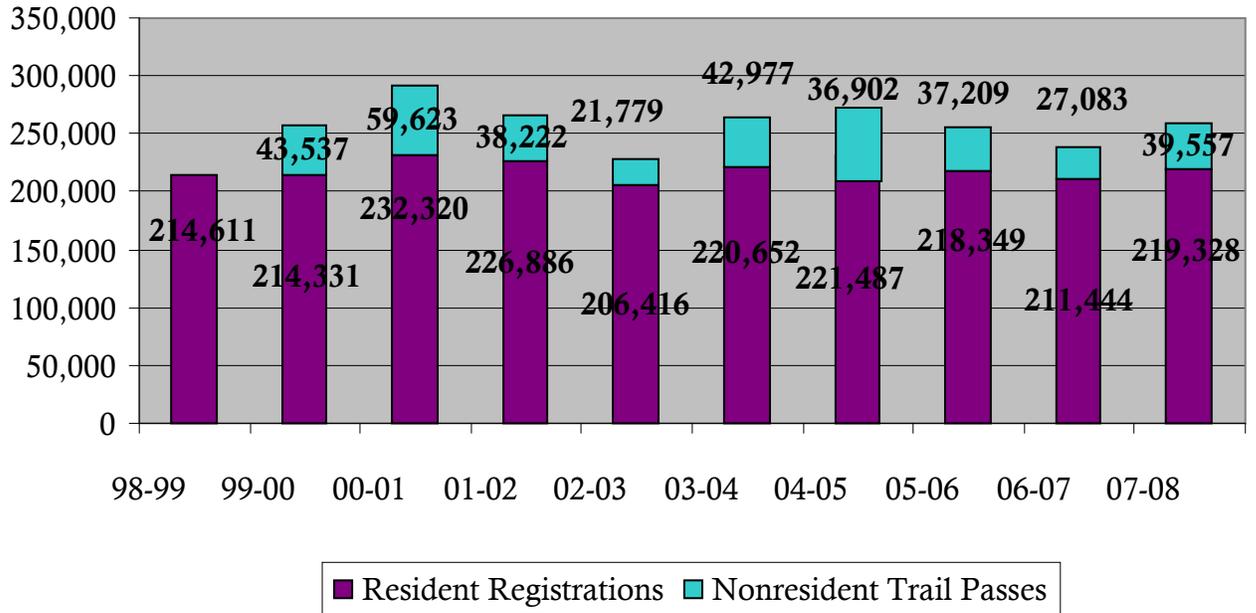
# History of Snowmobile Fatalities



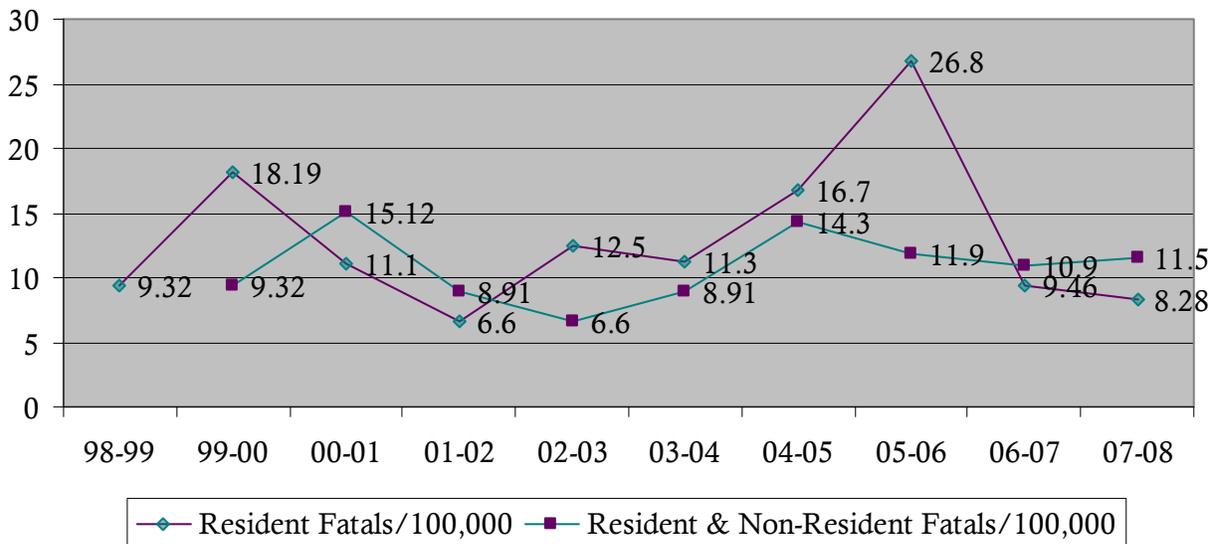
The 12 year average is 27.5 deaths per year.



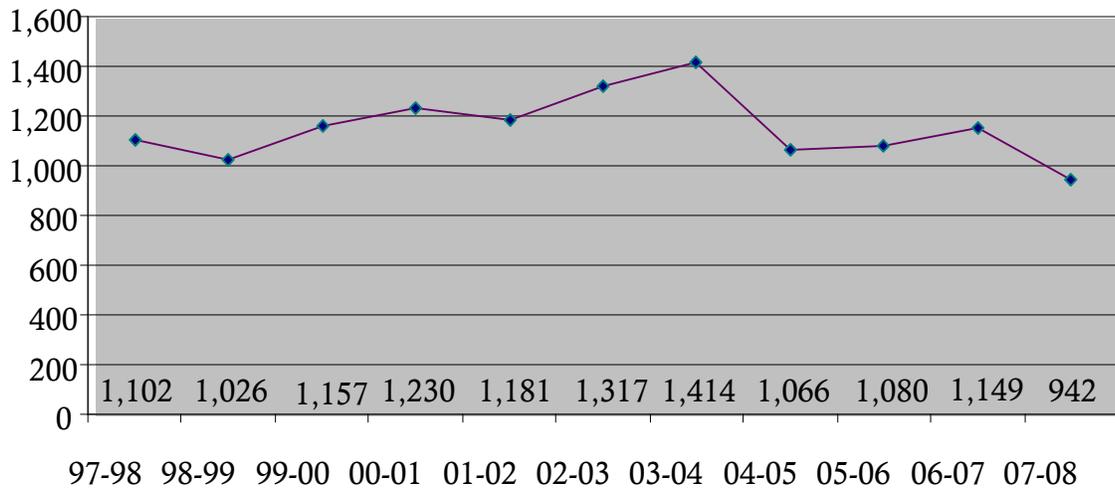
## Snowmobile Registration and Non-Resident Trail Pass Totals



## Snowmobile Fatality Rate Per Number of Registered Snowmobiles

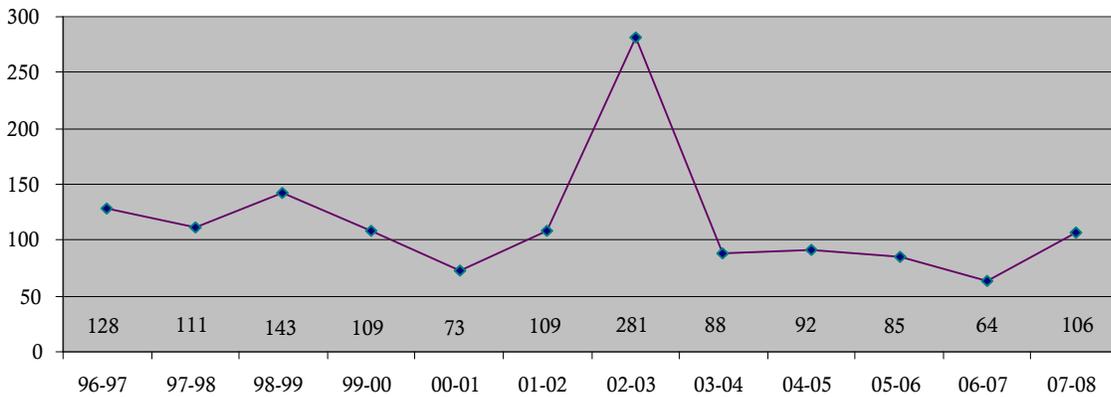


### History of Active Snowmobile Instructors



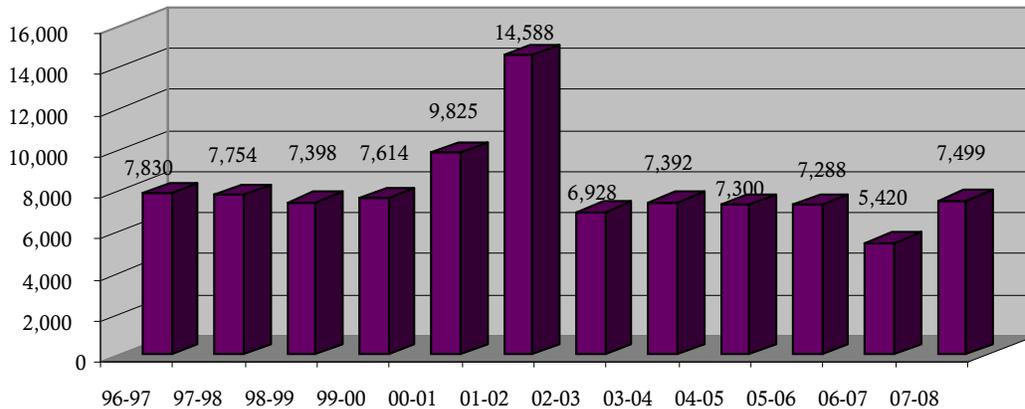
Over 260,328 students have been certified by volunteer instructors.

### History of Newly Recruited Snowmobile Education Instructors



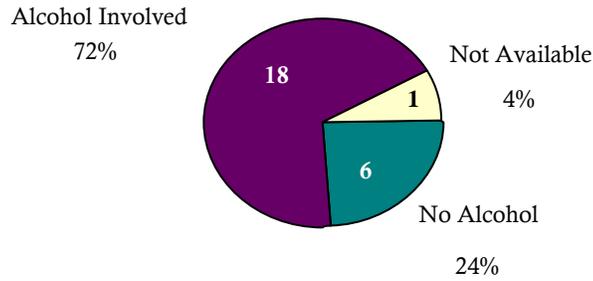
The total number of active instructors for 2007-2008 was 942.

### History of Certified Snowmobile Students



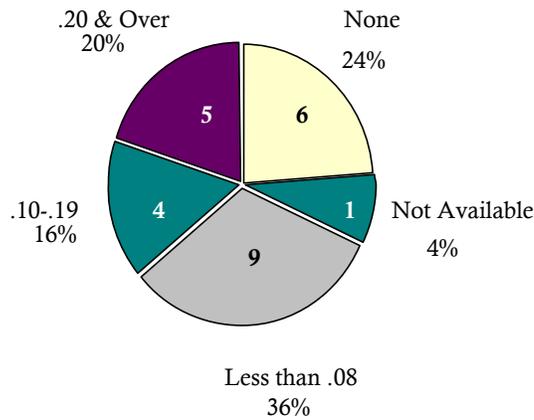
Certification requires a student to complete a basic Wisconsin snowmobile training course. Course content includes: knowing your snowmobile, maintenance and repair, riding, personal safety, winter survival, laws, courtesy and ethics.

## 2007-2008 Alcohol Involved Snowmobile Fatalities



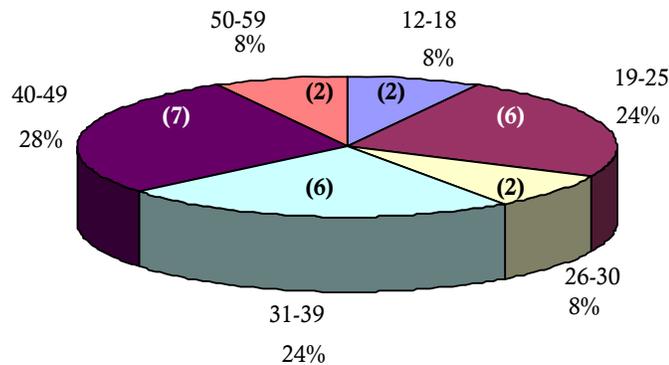
In 2007-2008, the average blood alcohol level for all victims was 0.121. A snowmobile fatal is considered "alcohol involved" if any level of alcohol is found in the victim's blood or witness accounts confirm the victim was consuming alcohol just prior to the crash.

### Victim Blood Alcohol Content -Blood alcohol content is grams/ml.



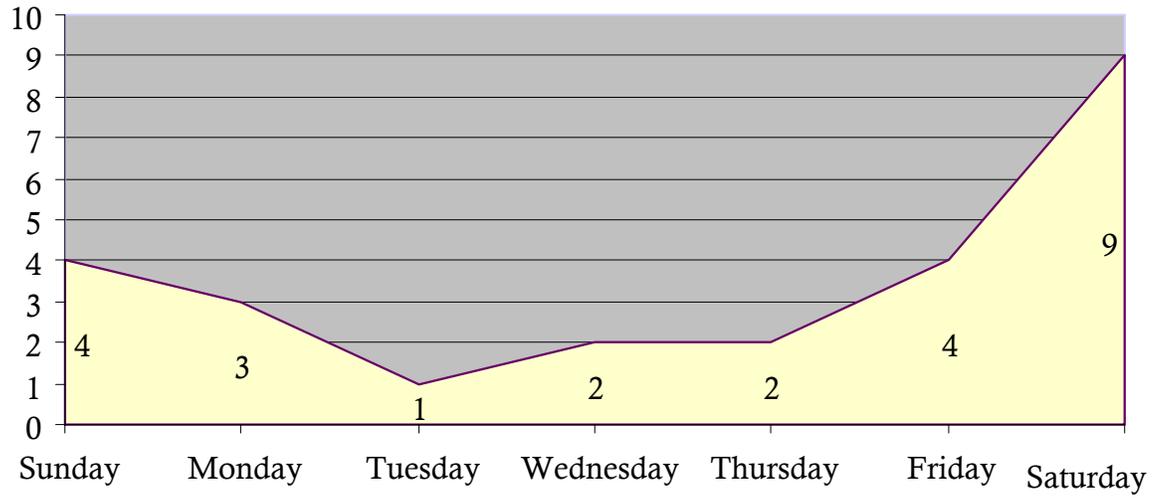
The 2007-2008 snowmobile season showed that alcohol was a contributing factor in at least 72% of all fatalities.

## 2007-2008 Age of Snowmobile Fatality Victims



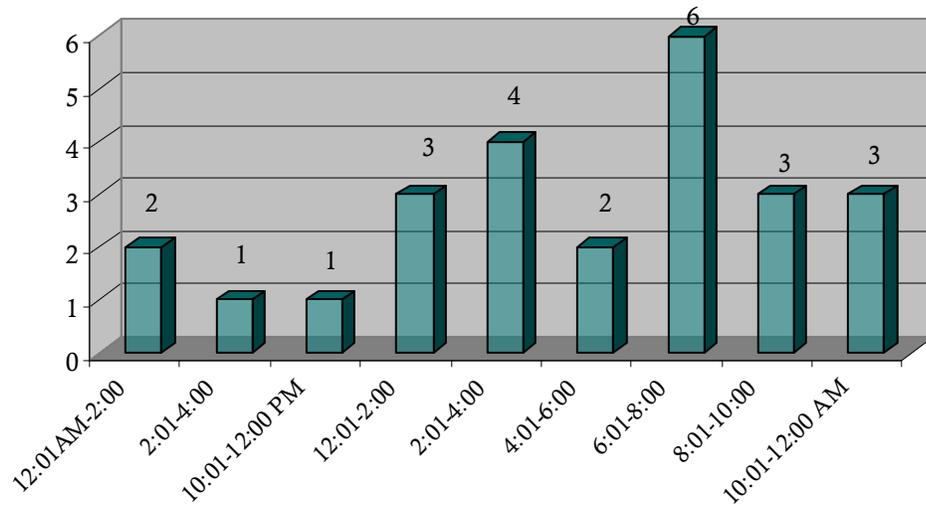
The average age for the victims killed was 33.7 years old, compared to 37.8 years in 2006-2007.

## 2007-2008 Snowmobile Fatal Incidents by Day of Week

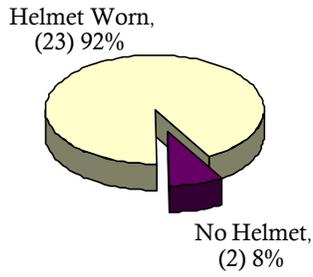


Fatal incidents have the highest frequency of occurrence on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

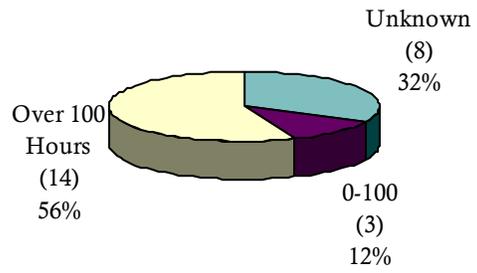
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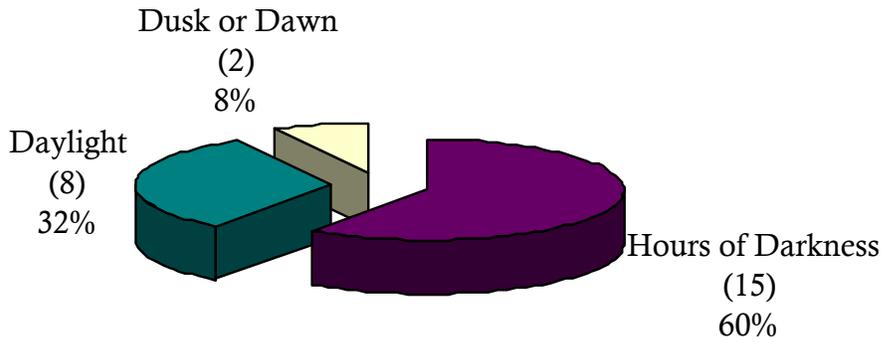
## Victim Helmet Use



## Operator Experience

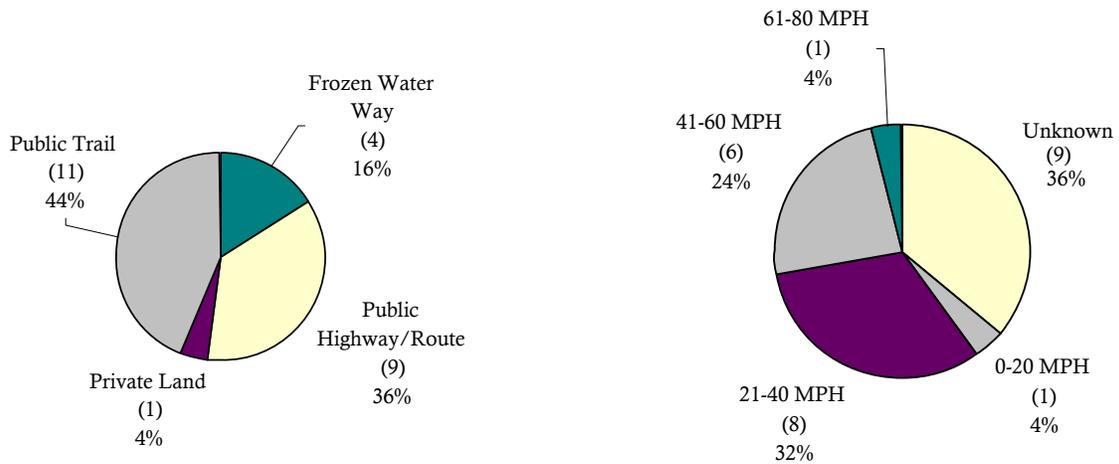


## 2007-2008 Fatal Snowmobile Incidents Occurring After the Hours of Darkness

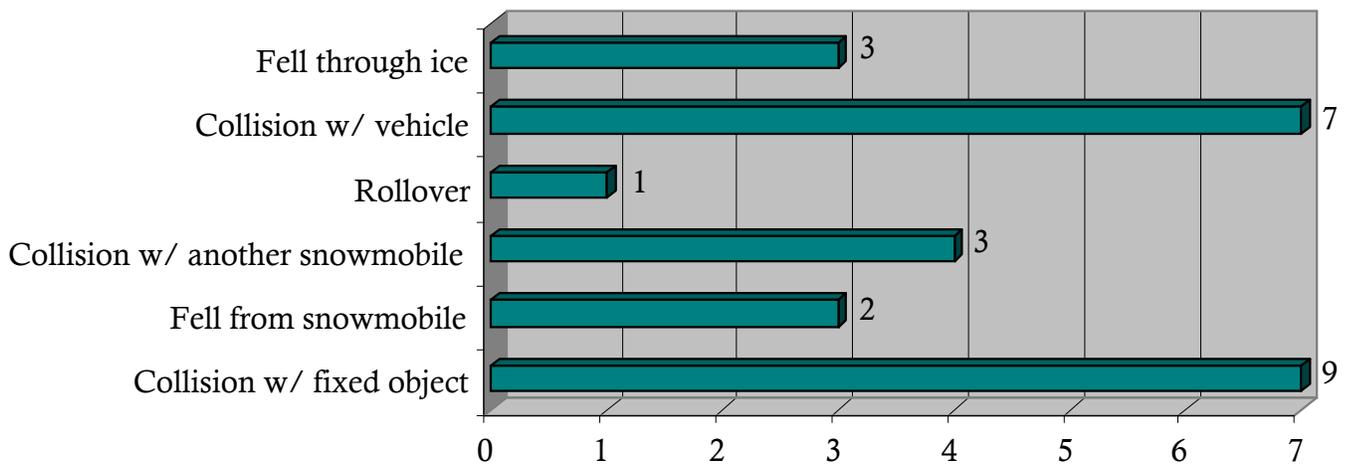


Hours of Darkness refers to the ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise.

## 2007-2008 Fatal Snowmobile Incidents Speed and Location at Time

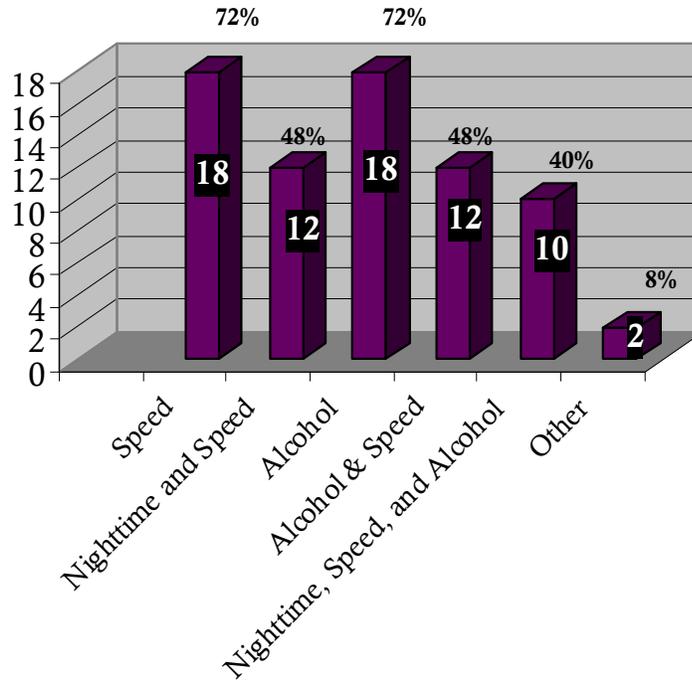


## 2007-2008 Fatal Snowmobile Incidents by Type



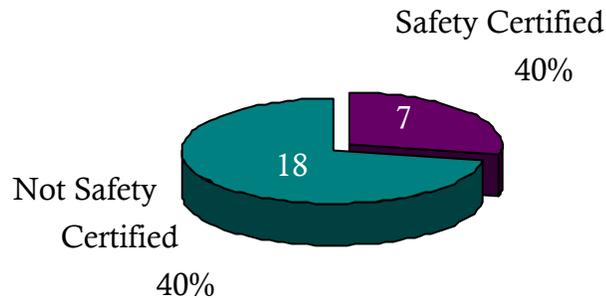
Alcohol and speed were the top two contributing factors in fatal incidents during the 2007-2008 season.

## 2007-2008 Main Factors Involved in Fatal Snowmobile Incidents

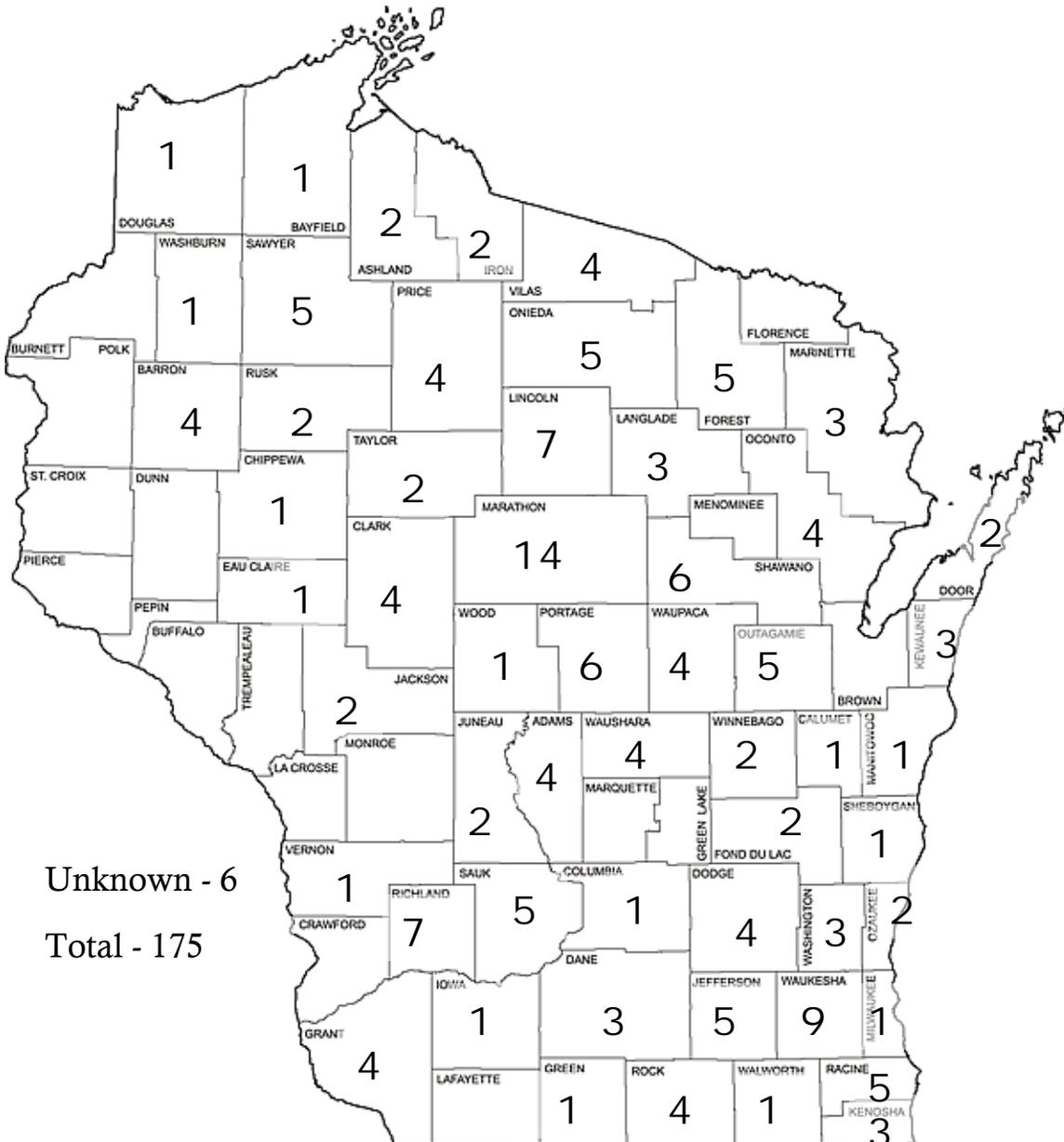


## 2007-2008 Fatal Snowmobile Victim Operators with Wisconsin DNR Safety Training Certification

On October 27, 1999 the law changed, requiring mandatory ATV education for operators at least 12 and born on or after January 1, 1985.



## Total Non-Fatal Snowmobile Crashes Reported to Law Enforcement



Unknown - 6  
Total - 175

## 2007-2008 Citations Issued for Snowmobile Violations

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<b>Total Citations **</b> .....	<b>*1,221</b>
Operate Snowmobile w/o Valid Registration (S-1) .....	216
Highway and Roadway Violations (S-12).....	121
Fail to or Improper Display of Registration Number or Decal (S-2) .....	84
Operate w/o Trail Use Sticker (S-33).....	71
Fail to Comply with Regulatory Signs (S-35).....	164
Operate Snowmobile w/o Possession of Valid Certificate (S-3).....	69
Operate at/in Unreasonable, Improper or Careless Speed/manner (S-17) .....	44
Trespass 'Sec. 350.10(6) through (13) Wis. Stats.' (S-19) .....	29
Operate Snowmobile With Engine and Exhaust Noise < 88 decibels (S-28) .....	20
Operate Snowmobile while Intoxicated (S-24).....	75
Operate in Prohibited Area on Lands Controlled by DNR (S-11).....	12
Give Permission to Operate a Snowmobile not Registered (S-5) .....	41
Permit Operation by Person Incapable Because of Age, Physical or Mental Disability (S-15).....	31
Operate Snowmobile with Alcohol Concentration Above .1% (S-25).....	54
Fail to Transfer Registration of Snowmobile (S-4) .....	22
Operate snowmobile w/o proof of training certificate (S-36).....	68
Modify Exhaust to Increase Noise Above Original Manufacturer Level (S-34)....	7
Transport Uncased Strung Bow on a Snowmobile (S-09).....	1
Fail to Report Snowmobile Accident (S-16) .....	4
Fail to Display Lights when Required (S-18).....	2
Miscellaneous (S-20) .....	2
Fail to Stop for Law Enforcement Officer (S-22) .....	3
Operate Snowmobile w/o Muffler on Engine (S-29).....	3
Shoot From a Snowmobile (S-10) .....	1
Equipment Violation (S-14) .....	2
Refuse to Take Intoxicated Snowmobile Test (S-26).....	8
Fail to Render Aid (S-23) .....	2
Cause Injury by Intoxicated Operation of Snowmobile (S-30).....	3
Operate snowmobile on or adjacent to a roadway in excess of the applicable Speed limit (S-37).....	11
Fail to keep to the right and proceed with caution when passing another	
Operate snowmobile > 55 mph during hours of darkness (S-55).....	44
Selling snowmobiles without dealers license (S-13).....	1

\* Some court dispositions have not been received by printing.

\*\* Every category of snowmobile violation is not listed.

## 2006-2007 Citations Issued for Snowmobile Violations

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<b>Total Citations **</b> .....	<b>*1,224</b>
Operate Snowmobile w/o Valid Registration (S-1) .....	234
Highway and Roadway Violations (S-12).....	162
Fail to or Improper Display of Registration Number or Decal (S-2) .....	79
Operate w/o Trail Use Sticker (S-33).....	77
Fail to Comply with Regulatory Signs (S-35).....	115
Operate Snowmobile w/o Possession of Valid Certificate (S-3).....	68
Operate at/in Unreasonable, Improper or Careless Speed/manner (S-17) .....	58
Trespass 'Sec. 350.10(6) through (13) Wis. Stats.' (S-19) .....	41
Operate Snowmobile that Makes Excessive or Unusual Noise (S-28).....	24
Operate Snowmobile while Intoxicated (S-24).....	71
Operate in Prohibited Area on Lands Controlled by DNR (S-11).....	10
Give Permission to Operate a Snowmobile not Registered (S-5) .....	52
Permit Operation by Person Incapable Because	
of Age, Physical or Mental Disability (S-15).....	37
Operate Snowmobile with Alcohol Concentration Above .1% (S-25).....	52
Fail to Transfer Registration of Snowmobile (S-4) .....	21
Operate snowmobile w/o proof of training certificate (S-36).....	43
Operate (Manufacture or Seller) Snowmobile w/o Functioning Muffler (S-34) ...	5
Transport Uncased Strung Bow on a Snowmobile (S-09).....	1
Fail to Report Snowmobile Accident (S-16) .....	4
Fail to Display Lights when Required (S-18).....	1
Miscellaneous (S-20) .....	2
Fail to Stop for Law Enforcement Officer (S-22) .....	1
Operate Snowmobile w/o Muffler on Engine (S-29).....	1
Equipment Violation (S-14).....	1
Dealer Failing to Collect Fee & Submit Registration Applications (S-21) .....	3
Refuse to Take Intoxicated Snowmobile Test (S-26).....	13
Absolute Sobriety for Persons Under 19 (S-27).....	3
Operate snowmobile on or adjacent to a roadway in excess of the applicable	
Speed limit (S-37).....	3
Fail to keep to the right and proceed with caution when passing another	
Snowmobile in the opposite direction (S-38) .....	2
Operate snowmobile > 55 mph during hours of darkness (S-55).....	5
Driving animals with a snowmobile (S-07).....	1
Selling snowmobiles without dealers license (S-13).....	2
Failure to advise/notify of change of address (S-06) .....	1
Transport loaded or uncased firearm on a snowmobile (S-08).....	1
Remove or damage snowmobile trail signs & standards (S-32).....	2

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## Wisconsin Snowmobile Fatality Summary: 2007-2008 Season

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
1.	12/04/07	Burnett County	Collision with fixed object	40	0.17	No
	9:00PM	Town of Scott (Hwy)	Speed / Alcohol	M	MN	Yes

The victim left one tavern at approximately 8:00 p.m. and was heading to another tavern while operating illegally on a county highway. The victim was reported missing and located on the evening of 12/05/07. The victim missed a turn onto a side road, went airborne off a steep embankment and struck several trees.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
2.	12/07/07	Chippewa County	Drowning	43	0.286	No
	3:20PM	Town of Sampson (lake)	Alcohol / Failed to check conditions	M	WI	No

The victim had been drinking prior to leaving a resort and was told that the ice conditions were not good on the lake but took that route regardless of the warnings. The victim went across the lake and broke through the ice.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
3. & 4.	12/08/07	Jefferson County	Drowning	36 & 40	#3 - 0.024; #4 - 0.011	Both victims - No
	6:22PM	Town of Azatlan (river)	Alcohol / Failed to check conditions	F & M	Both victims - WI	Both victims - Yes

Three snowmobilers were traveling downstream on the Rock River when one of the snowmobiles broke through the ice, with the operator able to climb out. The surviving operator then drove the female victim's snowmobile while she rode on back of the male victim's snowmobile. The group continued downstream where the male and female victims broke through the ice. Victim #3 was recovered from the water approximately an hour later and pronounced dead; victim #4 was recovered on 12/10/07.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
5.	12/27/07	Iron County	Head on collision with snowmobile	45	0.312	No
	12:44AM	Town of Oma (trail)	Alcohol / Failure to stay to the right and proceed with caution / Speed	M	IL	Yes

Two snowmobiles were traveling in opposite directions on a linear trail when the left sides of their snowmobiles collided. Victim was pronounced dead at the scene; the other operator was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
6.	12/30/07	Monroe County	Collision with fixed object	36	.007	No
	8PM	Town of Leon (trail)	Swerved to avoid a deer / Speed	M	WI	Yes

Victim was third in a line of three snowmobiles. Companions waited for victim at a stop sign and then searched for him when he did not appear. Victim was found conscious on his snowmobile along the trail. Victim stated he swerved to miss a deer and hit a tree. Victim complained of pain to the side of his body. Victim did not want an ambulance called but instead was transported towards a hospital by his wife. The wife called an ambulance while enroute and was met on the road. The victim died at the hospital of internal injuries.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
7.	12/30/07	Chippewa County	Collision with fixed object	32	0.247	No
	8PM	Town of Woodmohr (trail)	Alcohol / Speed	M	WI	Yes

Victim and three companions left a bar and were traveling on a groomed snowmobile trail when the first three snowmobiles left the trail. The victim struck a stand of small trees and rolled his snowmobile which ended up on top of him. The fourth snowmobiler did not crash.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
8.	12/31/07	Oneida County	Collision with vehicle	49	.017	Yes
	3:12PM	Town of Minocqua (trail)	Alcohol / Speed	M	MN	Yes

Victim was operating his snowmobile on a roadway when he came around a 90 degree corner and struck a pick-up truck head on.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
9.	1/2/08	Kenosha County	Collision with fixed object	25	.223	No
	12:14AM	Town of Paris	Alcohol / Speed	M	WI	Yes

Victim was found lying near a telephone pole. On further investigation the track of the snowmobile led under the guy wire to the telephone pole and the snowmobile came to rest about 200 feet from the victim. The guy wire to the pole was impacted by the victim as it was partially pulled out of the ground.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
10.	1/12/08	Marinette County	Collision with fixed object	32	Unavailable	Yes
	12:00AM	Village of Crivitz (Road)	Alcohol / Speed	M	WI	No

The victim and companions returned to their hotel from a tavern. Victim and companions unloaded a snowmobile from their trailer. Victim proceeded to operate illegally down a roadway and without a helmet. When the victim failed to return, his companions located him unconscious on the roadway near a large tree. CPR was initiated, however victim was later pronounced dead at the scene.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
11.	1/24/08	Vilas County	Collision With Fixed Object	45	0.035	No
	11:30PM	Town of Plum Lake (Trail)	Alcohol / Speed / Pending	M	IL	Yes

Victim was riding as a passenger behind the operator on a one person snowmobile across Plum Lake. As the operator approached the shoreline he missed the marked trail that continued onto land, struck the shoreline and went airborne approximately 20-30 feet into a tree. The passenger was pronounced dead at the scene and the operator was flown to a medical facility for treatment of his injuries.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
12.	1/25/08	Oneida County	Collision With Fixed Object	59	0.1	No
	2:15PM	Town of Minocqua (Route)	Speed / Alcohol	M	WI	Yes

Victim failed to negotiate a curve in a roadway at a high rate of speed, went airborne off a snow bank and into several trees.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
13. & 14.	1/26/08	Eau Claire County	Collision With Vehicle	#13: 23; #14: 19	0.0; 0.0	#13 Yes; #14: No
	1:00PM	Town of Bridge Creek (Road)	Speed	#13: M; #14: F	Both WI	Both Yes

A group of 5 snowmobiles were traveling illegally down a town road. The first two snowmobiles were traveling faster than the group when they crested a hill and collided head on with a truck. The first victim was ejected from his snowmobile and died, the passenger of the second snowmobile went under the truck and died; the operator was ejected. The operator was flown to a medical facility with multiple broken bones and other unknown injuries.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
15.	1/27/08	Monroe County	Collision With a Fixed Object	25	.201	No
	3:00AM	Town of Wilton (Trail)	Alcohol / Speed	M	WI	Yes

The victim was traveling at a high rate of speed, lost control and struck steel posts with attached steel fence leading up to a bridge over State Hwy 71. The victim was ejected from the snowmobile and landed on the blacktop of Hwy 71. The victim was found by a passing motorist and transported to a local medical facility and later flown to a second medical facility where he died.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
16.	2/07/08	Ashland County	Collision with vehicle	37	.049	No
	7:59PM	Town of Chippewa (road crossing)	Fail to stop for roadway, stop sign / Alcohol	M	MN	Yes

The victim failed to stop before crossing a state highway and collided with a semi tractor trailer. Alcohol was involved.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
17.	2/08/08	Dodge County	Struck by snowmobile	27	.07	No
	10:22PM	Town of Beaver Dam (lake)	Collision with ice heave / Speed / Alcohol	F	WI	Yes

The victim was a passenger on a snowmobile which struck an ice heave and ejected both driver and passenger. The passenger was then struck by a snowmobile following behind them. Alcohol was involved with both operators.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
18.	2/09/08	Dodge County	Struck by vehicle	51	.000	No
	10:08AM	Town of Chester (roadway crossing)	Fail to yield right of way	F	WI	Yes

The victim was second in a line of six snowmobiles. The lead snowmobile crossed a state highway and then told the other snowmobilers to proceed. The victim failed to yield for a car and was struck.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
19.	2/10/08	Oneida County	Struck snow drift	25	.155	No
	4:37PM	Town of Three Lakes (lake)	Speed / Alcohol / Poor Visibility	M	IL	Yes

The victim was traveling on a designated trail across Planting Ground Lake when he struck a snow drift, went airborne and crashed into the lake. The snowmobile was destroyed on impact; victim was pronounced dead at the hospital.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
20.	2/16/08	Manitowoc County	Rollover / Head injuries	20	0.0	Yes
	2:12PM	Town of Newton (trail)	Failure to stay to the right and proceed with caution / Speed	M	WI	Yes

The victim was second in a line of two snowmobiles when they passed an oncoming group of snowmobiles. The victim's snowmobile moved out into the center of the trail and collided head-on with the first snowmobile in the oncoming group. Both operators were ejected with the victim pronounced dead at the scene. The other operator was airlifted to a hospital.

#	Date/Time	Location	Type & Cause of Incident / Fatality	Age / Sex	BAC / Residency	WI Safety Certified / Helmet
21.	2/16/08	Kewaunee County	Struck by snowmobile	44	.166	No
	9:33PM	Town of Franklin (trail)	Speed / Alcohol	M	WI	Yes

The victim was third in a line of four snowmobiles. The group left a tavern and were operating on a trail when the victim fell off his snowmobile and was struck by the last snowmobile. Victim pronounced dead at the hospital.

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22.	2/18/08	Vilas County	Collision with vehicle	16	.00	No
	12:21PM	Town of Land O Lakes (Road)	Speed / Operating on wrong side of roadway	M	IL	Yes

The victim was second in a group of three snowmobiles legally traveling on a roadway. The victim went wide on a curve, travelled into the oncoming traffic lane and collided with a truck equipped with a snowplow.

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23.	2/19/08	Town of Union	Collision with Vehicle	24	.064	Yes
	7:06 PM	Waupaca County (Hwy.)	Speed / Alcohol / Drugs / Illegal Hwy. Operation	M	WI	Yes

The victim was first in a line of five snowmobiles operating illegally on a state highway. The victim ran into the side of a truck as it pulled out of a parking lot and was killed. The second snowmobile operator also ran into the truck, but was uninjured.

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24.	2/19/08	Town of Blue Mounds	Collision with Snowmobile	37	.055	Yes
	6:23 PM	Dane County (Trail)	Speed / Fail to Stay to the Right and Proceed with Caution	M	WI	Yes

The victim was third in a line of four snowmobiles operating on a linear trail. As the group passed a single snowmobile going in the opposite direction, the single snowmobile traveled into the oncoming side of the trail and collided head on with the victim killing him. The single snowmobile operator was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

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25.	3/08/08	Town of Lemonweir	Collision with Fixed Object / Struck by Snowmobile	13	0.0	Yes
	5:30 PM	Juneau County (Trail)	Speed	F	WI	Yes

The victim was traveling with a group of snowmobiles when she accelerated across an open stretch of trail, entered a wooded curve too fast and braked hard. The snowmobile slid sideways and ejected the victim into a tree. The snowmobile then collided with both the victim and the tree.

- Ride Under Control
- Slow Down at Night
- Respect Private Property
- Drink After The Ride
- **RIDE FOR LIFE**

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