

**MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FATALITY SUMMARY**

2014 - 2015

**Update: 2-16-16****DEATHS 14**

	DATE	TIME	COUNTY/ LOCATION	AREA – MOST HARMFUL EVENT	AGE/SEX	IMPAIRED Alcohol/Drugs	RESIDENCY	SAFETY CRTFY	PENDING OR FINAL
1	12-20-14	1020	Luce Co / Trail # 9		19 / Male	Unknown	Petersburg, MI	Unknown	Pending
The victim failed to negotiate a turn, left the trail impacting a snowy embankment and collided with a tree.									
2	1-9-15	2310	Calhoun Co / Private land	Struck log	25 / Male	Confirmed	Battle Creek, MI	Yes	Final
According to witnesses, the victim was operating at approximately 50-70 mph, went over a hill and struck a large log that was unseen due to snow and speed. The impact caused the victim and the sled he was on to go airborne. Victim sustained massive head trauma and died at the hospital.									
3	1-11-15	0028	Cheboygan Co / Trail # 720	Impact with trees	34 / Male	Confirmed	Cheboygan, MI	Yes	Final
The investigation revealed the victim was operating on Trail #720 beyond the closed time for legal operation and also suspected of exceeding the posted 35mph speed limit. The investigation revealed the victim failed to stop at a stop sign, collided with several trees and was ejected suffering severe trauma. The victim succumbed to his injuries on 1-20-15.									
4	1-17-15	0213	Cheboygan Co / Trail # 720	State lands / Impact with trees	37 / Male	Confirmed	Monroe, MI	None found	Final
The investigation revealed the victim had never ridden a snowmobile before and borrowed the sled from a friend. The victim was extremely intoxicated, drifted off the left side of the straight portion of the trail and impacted several trees causing fatal injuries.									
5	1-19-15	1949	Ontonagon Co / Trail # 8	State lands / Rolled snowmobile	38 / Male	Confirmed	Lafayette, IN	Unknown	Final
The investigation revealed the victim was travelling to fast for conditions, lost control rolling the snowmobile several times.									
6	1-24-15	1330	Chippewa Co / Trail # 480	Federal Land – Impact with trees	27 / Male	Confirmed	Highland, MI	None found	Final

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The investigation revealed the deceased was operating on a signed "CLOSED" designated trail and was unable to negotiate a long sweeper corner, went off the trail and collided with one or more trees.									
7	1-29-15	2356	Ontonagon Co / Trail # 8	State Land – Impact with trees	31 / Male	Confirmed	Bancroft, IA	Confirmed	Final
The investigation revealed the deceased was travelling west bound on Trail # 8, left the right side of the trail into a ravine impacting several trees. The victim sustained significant trauma and passed away while enroute to the hospital.									
8	2-1-15	1830	Clare Co / Private Island	Private Land – Impact with tree	45 / Male	Confirmed	Lake, MI	None found	Final
The investigation revealed that the victim was riding alone during darkness across a lake. The victim impacted the shoreline of a small island eventually colliding with a tree. The victim was found deceased the following day.									
9	2-2-15	0120	Oakland Co / Pontiac Lake Recreation Area	State Land – Impact with gate	43 / Male	Confirmed	Waterford, MI	None found	Final
The victim was operating within Pontiac Lake Recreation Area and collided with a steel pole gate barrier suffering fatal injuries.									
10	2-7-15	2154	Lenawee Co / Devils Lake	Devils Lake – Impact with parked truck	34 / Male	Confirmed	Columbus, OH	None found	Final
The investigation revealed the victim was travelling on Devils Lake during darkness and collided with a disable truck which was left parked on the ice.									
11	2-17-15	2030	Alger Co / Hovey Lake Trail	State Land – Impact with tree	45 / Male	Unknown	New Lenox, IL	None found	Pending
The victim was traveling at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate a turn, left the trail and struck a tree ejecting the operator into the same tree.									
12	2-19-15	1730	Alger Co / Trail # 417	State Land – Impact with trees	44 / Male	No	Weyauwega, WI	None found	Final



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The victim was operating on Trail # 417 and lost control when crossing a bridge. The victim separated from his snowmobile and impacted trees suffering fatal injuries.

13	3-6-15	1315	Leelanau Co / M72 & Gilbert Rd's	State Highway – Collision with passenger car	72 / Male	No	Beulah, MI	None found	Final
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The victim was travelling north on Gilbert Road. Upon crossing state Highway M-72 there was a collision with a vehicle travelling west bound on M-72.

14	3-7-15	2315	Roscommon Co / Houghton Lake	Frozen Lake – Impact with island	31 / Male	Confirmed	Flint, MI	None found	Final
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The victim was travelling at a high rate of speed across the ice and struck an island raised above the ice. The impact caused the snowmobile to go air born where the victim lost control and crashed resulting in fatal injuries.