



MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FATALITY SUMMARY

2017 - 2018

Updated: 1-10-20		DEATHS: 15								
	DATE	TIME	COUNTY/LOCATION	AREA – MOST HARMFUL EVENT	AGE/ SEX	Alcohol/Drugs Present	RESIDENCY	SAFETY CERT	PENDING/ FINAL	
1	12-17-17	1320	Alger Co. / Shingleton Trail # 8	Designated trail-Failed to negotiate curve-Impact w/ tree	34/M		MD		Pending	
Victim was operating on a groomed trail and struck a partially exposed log, lost control, exited the trail and impacted trees sustaining fatal injuries.										
2	12-27-17	1245	Luce Co. / Trail # 9	Designated trail-struck log, lost control, impact w/ tree	46/M	No	Harrison, MI	No	Final	
Victim was operating on a groomed trail and struck a partially exposed log, lost control, exited the trail and impacted trees sustaining fatal injuries.										
3	12-28-17	0121	Muskegon Co. / Musketawa Trail	Operating on L side of trail-Impact w/ bridge guardrail	40/M	Confirmed	Dalton Township, MI	No	Final	
Victim was operating on the groomed trail and was attempting to cross the bridge over the Black Creek. The victim struck the wooden guard post and was ejected from the snowmobile and the bridge sustaining fatal injuries.										
4	12-29-17	1124	Gogebic Co. / near Powderhorn Rd.	County Road R.O.W. – Struck by another snowmobile	51/F	No	Hudson, WI	Unknown	Final	
Victim was operating within the road-rite-way attempting to ride up an embankment in attempt to cross a culvert. The victim tipped the snowmobile into a stream and stood up waving her arms to warn her oncoming riding companions. The victim's daughter approached and accelerated jumping the snowmobile off the culvert and onto the victim.										
5	12-30-17	1258	Gogebic Co. / US 2	US Highway-Struck by motor vehicle	52/M	No	Evansville, WI	Unknown	Final	
After stopping at the intersections stop sign, the victim proceeded across US 2. Due to poor visibility, the victim did not see an approaching pick-up truck which then struck the victim.										

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6	1-10-18	1400	Houghton Co. / Trail # 8/15	Designated Trail-Failed to negotiate curve-impact w/ tree	41/M	Confirmed	Curtis, WI	Unknown	Final	
The investigation revealed the victim was travelling at a high rate of speed, failed to negotiate a slight left curve in the trail and had impact with a tree sustaining fatal injuries.										
7	1-14-18	0656	Kalkaska Co. / Manistee Lk.	Lake embankment-Launched, ejected, impact w/ tree	52/M	Confirmed	St. Johns, MI	No	Final	
The victim was operating on Manistee Lk. and failed to slow or turn upon reaching the shoreline impacting a tree.										
8	1-16-18	1230	Chippewa Co. / Trail # 8	Designated Trail-failed to negotiate curve, impact w/ tree	51/M	No	MI	No	Final	
9	1-17-18	1435	Keweenaw Co. / Trail # 134	Designated Trail- failed to negotiate curve, impact w/ tree	27/F	Unknown	Sheboygan, WI	Unknown	Final	
The victim was operating on a groomed trail failing to negotiate a curve, leaving the trail and impacting trees.										
10	1-26-18	1850	Otsego Co. / Little Bear Lake	Lake – Failed to negotiate turn, impact with trees	43/M	Suspected	Flushing, MI	Unknown	Final	
Victim was driving on ice, tried to turn while approaching shore, veered off the frozen lake and struck numerous trees.										
11	2-1-18	1045	Chippewa Co. / Trail # 8	Designated Trail-Struck by snowmobile	49/F	No	Portland, MI	Unknown	Final	
Victim lost control of snowmobile and was ejected. Victim was then struck by another snowmobile traveling on the trail.										

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12	2-3-18	0137	Berrien Co. / County Roadway	Carmody Rd.-Ejected suffered head injury	43/F	Confirmed	Owosso, MI	No	Final
Traveling at a high rate of speed, the snowmobile struck a pile debris and ejected both the driver and passenger. Victim sustained fatal head injuries.									
13	2-9-18	2339	Otsego Co. / Trail # 7	Designated Trail – Rolled snowmobile and impact with trees	57/M	Confirmed	Flushing, MI	Unknown	Final
The victim was operating on the Designated Trail, left the trail colliding with trees causing fatal injuries.									
14	2-26-18		Chippewa Co. / Trail # 8	Designated Trail – Impact with Cross Country Ski Trail groomer	65/M		Paradise, MI		Pending
15	3-8-18	1234	Keweenaw Co. / Trail # 3	Designated Trail – Rolled snowmobile	58/M	No	Franklin, WI	No	Final
The victim was operating on the Designated Trail, lost control rolling the snowmobile and sustained fatal injuries.									