

**MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FATALITY SUMMARY**

2015 - 2016

**Updated: 5-11-16****DEATHS: 24**

	DATE	TIME	COUNTY/ LOCATION	AREA – MOST HARMFUL EVENT	AGE/SEX	IMPAIRED Alcohol/Drugs	RESIDENCY	SAFETY CRTFY	PENDING OR FINAL
1	1-3-16	0830	Kalkaska Co. /		17 / Male		Tecumseh, MI	No	Pending
2	1-5-16		Houghton Co. /		21 / Male		Salem, WI	No	Pending
3	1-13-16	1648	Alger Co. / H-13	County Roadway – Rolled snowmobile	57 / Male		Fort Wayne, IN	No	Pending
The victim was operating on County Rd H-13, drove over a rise in the road and lost control. The snowmobile rolled and the victim was ejected ending up in a ditch.									
4	1-14-16	2030	Cheboygan Co. / Sturgeon Bay Rd.	County Roadway – Rolled snowmobile	41 / Male	Confirmed	Indian River, MI	No	Final
The victim was travelling at a high rate of speed on a county roadway and attempted to make a right turn, lost control rolling the snowmobile. The operator and passenger were ejected. The victim landed into a water filled ditch with the snow mobile landing on top of him and held him underwater for at least 5 minutes before help arrived.									
5	1-15-16		Kalkaska Co. /		49 / Male		Leslie, MI		Pending
6	1-16-16	0230	Otsego Co. / Trail # 7	State Land – Collision with another snowmobile	38 / Male	Confirmed	Gaylord, MI	Yes	Pending
The victim was drag racing with other snowmobiles, lost control and fell of the snowmobile. The victim was then struck by one of the other snowmobilers who was intoxicated.									



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7	1-22-16	0903	Chippewa Co. / Trail # 8	State Land – Impact with tree	44 / Male		Lincoln, MI	No	Pending
Victim drifted left off the trail in a sweeping right curve where he struck two tree stumps and a tree sustaining fatal injuries.									
8	1-22-16		Schoolcraft Co. / Federal Forest Road 2219		/ Male		Manistique, MI		Pending
Victim left the roadway in a snowstorm and struck a tree sustaining critical injuries. He succumbed to his injuries on January 27 th .									
9	1-22-16	2243	Kent Co. /		37 / Male				Pending
10	1-23-16	0300	Houghton Co. / Trail # 3	State Land – Impact with tree	50 / Male	Confirmed	Hancock, MI	Yes	Final
Victim drifted left off the trail striking a tree sustaining fatal injuries.									
11	1-24-16	2300	Gogebic Co. / Trail # 2	State land – Impact with trees	61 / Male	Confirmed	Darlington, WI	Not found	Final
The investigation revealed the victim was travelling at high rate of speed, lost control leaving the trail and collided with several trees.									
12	1-27-16	1919	Alger Co. / Trail # 8	State Land – Rolled snowmobile	37 / Male	Confirmed	Saginaw, MI	Not found	Final
Witness statements said the victim was operating while highly intoxicated failed to negotiate a left hand curve in the trail, exiting the trail to the right and collided with a tree. The victim was ejected from the snowmobile and impacted the same tree sustaining fatal injuries.									
13	1-29-16	1930	Schoolcraft Co. / Trail # 41		59 / Male		Fenton, MI		Pending



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14	1-30-16	1558	Chippewa Co. / Trail # 889	State Land – Impact with tree	23 / Female		Warren, MI	Not found	Pending
Victim drifted left off the trail striking a tree sustaining fatal injuries.									
15	2-10-16	2230	Ontonagon Co. / Trail # 13	State Land – Impact with trees	36 / Male	Confirmed	Waucoma, IA	Not found	Closed
The investigation revealed the victim was travelling at a high rate of speed, lost control tipping over and slid into trees.									
16	2-11-16	1152	Alger Co. / Trail # 8	State Land – Rolled snowmobile	49 / Male		Bay City, MI	Not found	Pending
The victim was operating a modified snowmobile to accommodate only having one arm. The investigation revealed the victim had previously been operating too fast. Further investigation revealed the snowmobile had rolled over and the victim was ejected sustaining fatal injuries.									
17	2-13-16		Oscoda Co. / Trail # 9		Male		St. Clair, MI		Pending
18	2-14-16	1150	Keweenaw Co. / Trail # 3	State Land – Struck by snowmobile	46 / Female		Illinois	Not found	Pending
During white out conditions, the victim has exited her snowmobile while at the scene of an accident. Another snowmobile came upon the accident scene and struck the victim.									
19	2-16-16		Chippewa Co. / Plantation Rd.	County Roadway –Ejected from snowmobile then run over by truck	61 / Male		Battle Creek, MI		Pending



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20	2-22-16	1430	Marquette Co. / Trail # 8	State Land – Impact with tree	39 / Female	No	Greenville, OH	Not found	Final
The victim was waived through a snowmobile stop sign which was placed due to intersecting with a 1 lane rural road. The victim failed to stop at the sign and ran into a snowbank, lost control impacting a tree.									
21	2-28-16		Kent Co. /		50 / Mile		Grand Rapids, MI		Pending
22	3-3-16	0930	Marquette Co. / Trail # 14	State Land - Impact with end of guard rail	43 / Male	No	Milan, MI	Not found	Final
The victim failed to negotiate a slight right hand curve, lost control and hit a guard rail post and sign sustaining fatal injuries.									
23	3-4-16	1400	Kalkaska Co. / Sunset Trail		/ Male				Pending
The victim struck a low hanging branch and eventually collided with another tree sustaining fatal injuries.									
24	3-5-16	1100	Presque Isle Co. / Trail # 992	State Land – Impact with tree	58 / Female	No	Alpena, MI		Pending
The victim struck a deer, ran off the trail and collided with a tree sustaining fatal injuries.									