



2019 Snowmobile Fatal Accident Summary

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#	Date	County/C-V-T	Location	Age / Gender / Residency	Accident Type	Safety Certified?	Helmet Used?	Alcohol Involved/BAC
#1	01/04/2019	Juneau / Armenia	Public Road	41 / M / WI	Collision with a fixed object	No	Yes	No
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Victim failed to observe a 15-meter wide irrigation canal between two fields and impacted into the opposite side of the steep canal bank.</i>						
#2	01/12/2019	Forest / Wabeno	Public Trail	57 / M / WI	Ejected / Collision with a fixed object	No	Yes	No
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Operator lost control of snowmobile after hitting a deep rut in the trail. Operator was then ejected and collided with a tree causing fatal internal injuries.</i>						
#3	01/13/2019	Oneida / Schoepke	Public Trail	37 / M / WI	Collision with a fixed object	No	Yes	Yes / .15
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Operator missed a curve on the public trail and continued straight into a wooded area. Operator travelled down a slight embankment, struck a large rock, which caused the snowmobile to overturn. Operator was ejected and struck a tree causing fatal injuries.</i>						
#4	01/22/2019	Oneida / Minocqua	Private Land	25 / M / WI	Collision with a fixed object	No	No	Yes / .228
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Operating on a private road that was not a snowmobile trail. Victim struck a gate that crossed the road. Victim died at the scene.</i>						
#5	01/26/2019	Oneida / Lake Tomahawk	Public Trail	44 / M / WI	Failed to negotiate a turn / Collision with a fixed object	No	Yes	Yes / .258
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Operator was northbound on a designated trail traveling at speeds greater than 60 mph, when he lost control on a steep grade, left the trail, and was ejected. Operator suffered severe trauma on his left side, indicating impact with a tree.</i>						
#6	02/08/2019	Iron / Carey	Highway	43 / F / WI	Collision with a moving motor vehicle	No	Yes	No
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>A snowmobile with a single operator collided with a motor vehicle on a state highway.</i>						
#7	02/09/2019	Calumet / Stockbridge	Frozen Waterway	56 / M / WI	Ejected / Struck by Snowmobile	No	Yes	Yes / Test Not Given
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>A single snowmobile operator was traveling on Lake Winnebago when it appears the machine struck a snowbank or an ice crack. The machine landed atop the operator.</i>						
#8	02/09/2019	Dunn / Colfax	Public Trail	29 / M / WI	Ejected / Collision with a fixed object	Yes	Yes	Yes / Test Not Given
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>It appears the operator was traveling southbound on the snowmobile trail. The trail follows a railroad grade then makes a slight right to cross under a large utility line. The operator appears to have missed this turn and struck a group of small trees, as well as a slight knoll, tipping the sled and ejecting him from the machine.</i>						
#9	02/09/2019	Langlade / Parrish	Highway	41 / F / WI	Struck by moving motor vehicle	No	Yes	Yes / .304
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Snowmobile with a single occupant collided with an automobile on a state highway. The snowmobile operator was killed.</i>						
#10	02/09/2019	Forest / Nashville	Frozen Waterway	23 / M / WI	Ejected / Struck by Snowmobile	Yes	Yes	Yes / .124
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Victim was riding as a passenger on 1st snowmobile traveling eastbound on a public trail located on the frozen waters of a lake. Victim and operator were ejected from snowmobile due to excessive speeds and rough terrain on the lake. Following ejection, victim was struck by a 2nd snowmobile. Victim received life threatening injuries and died prior to Flight for Life Rescue. The Victim, Snowmobile 1 Operator and Snowmobile 2 Operator had just left a bar prior to the accident.</i>						
#11	02/17/2019	Bayfield / Namekagon	Frozen Waterway	50 / M / WI	Collision with an OHV / Ejected	Yes	Yes	Yes / .13
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Pending</i>						
#12	03/07/2019	Outagamie / Bovina	Highway	42 / M / WI	Collision with a Vehicle	No	Yes	No
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Victim travelling north on a marked trail, failed to stop for the stop sign and struck the trailer of a semi traveling eastbound on the highway.</i>						
#13	03/09/2019	Monroe / Sparta	Private Lane, Public Trail/Corridor	50 / M / WI	Collision with a fixed object	Yes	Yes	No
<i>Synopsis</i>		<i>Victim operating at a high rate of speed, hit tree on edge of trail causing snowmobile to veer-off opposite side of trail and hit several trees. Victim was ejected and collided with trees.</i>						



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#14	03/10/2019	Rusk / Dewey	Frozen Lake or Stream	61 / M / WI	Collision with a fixed object	No	Yes	Yes / Test Not Given
		<i>Synopsis</i> Operator travelling west bound on the Flambeau River when he struck the bottom of the steel beam on the east side of the county highway bridge.						
#15	03/16/2019	Sawyer / Round Lake	Public Trail/Corridor	48 / M / IL	Collision with a fixed object	No	Yes	Yes / .17
		<i>Synopsis</i> Snowmobile with a single occupant collided with a tree on a public trail. The snowmobile operator was killed.						
#16	03/20/2019	Vilas / St. Germain	Highway / Route	62 / M / IL	Collision with a vehicle	Unknown	No	Yes / .208
		<i>Synopsis</i> Victim was operating snowmobile in the oncoming lane of travel on a road which is route. Struck a motor vehicle head-on at the crest of a slight hill. Victim was ejected, striking the motor vehicle's windshield and a tree before landing in the road ditch.						