



MICHIGAN SNOWMOBILE FATALITY SUMMARY



2007/2008

Final/last update: – 5/13/2008 –06:40 hours

| NO. | DATE | TIME | COUNTY/ LOCATION | AREA – MOST HARMFUL EVENT | AGE/SEX | ALCOH OL | RESIDENCY | SAFETY CRTFY | PRELIM OR FINAL |
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| 1 | 12/5/07 | 17:30 | OGEMAW | CRANBERRY LAKE RD | 7 / F | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| On private property, open field, 14-yr-old snowmobile driver hit unseen utility pole guide cable, and 7- yr old passenger/sister suffered fatal injuries. | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 12/07/07 | 2050 | WEXFORD | WEST 38 RD | 27/M | YES | Michigan | N | Final |
| Was unable to negotiate curved roadway and ran off to left, then collided into group of trees | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 12/31/07 | 22:45 | LIVINGSTON | PATTERSON LAKE DR | 43 / M | YES | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Snowmobile operator struck area of vegetation on Patterson Lake and was ejected. | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 1/2/08 | 19:07 | ALLEGAN | PRIVATE PROPERTY / DIVISION ST | 21 / M | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile was eastbound on snowmobile trail when it struck a tree. | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 1/13/08 | 16:45 | ALPENA | BEAVER LAKE, AREA OF CHEWLY RD | 40 / M | YES | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile was traveling southbound on Beaver Lake and drove into open water. Snowmobile sank and operator drowned as a result. | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 1/14/08 | 19:38 | CHARLEVOIX | INTERSECTION OF ELLSWORTH & RANNEY | 15 / F | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile disregarded signage and crossed into the path of an oncoming vehicle. | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 1/16/08 | 17:00 | KEWEENAW | GRATIOT LAKE RD/ TRAIL #3 | 39 / M | NO | Illinois | Y | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile was rounding a corner, lost control, was thrown, and hit a tree. | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 1/17/08 | 17:45 | CHIPPEWA | MUNUSCONG BAY | 29 / M 20 / F | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Lost their way while snowmobiling in blizzard on Munuscong Bay. Sled ran off the ice and into open waters. Both operator and passenger drowned. | | | | | | | | | |

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| 9 | 1/18/08 | 15:18 | BARRY | OPEN FIELD IN MAPLE GROVE TWP | 29 / M | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Operator and snowmobile went airborne while cresting a hill, then landed and overturned. Operator was ejected and killed during the crash. | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 1/18/08 | 20:16 | CHEBOYAN | CRUMP RD, ¼ MILE S. OF INDIAN TRAIL | 26 / M | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Snowmobile operator ran off roadway and struck several trees, and continued until vehicle struck larger tree, which stopped vehicle. | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 1/18/08 | 02:00 | ALLEGAN | RR TRACKS WEST OF 56 TH ST, NEAR 113 TH AVE. | 44 / M | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Snowmobile operator struck railroad track signal post. Severe injuries were fatal. | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 1/19/08 | 12:00 | WEXFORD | TRAIL #6, ON M-55 | 37 / F | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Rider pulled out into traffic at road crossing and was struck by vehicle. | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | 1/20/08 | 12:49 | LEELANAU | SECTION 33, EMPIRE TWP | M / 43 | NO | Michigan | UNK | Final |
| Driver of snowmobile struck frozen snow bank, was thrown 206', rolled several times, resulting in death. | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 1/26/08 | 17:58 | IONIA | HOPPOUGH RD | 36 / M | YES | Michigan | UNK | Final |
| Victim and friend were traveling southbound driving separate snowmobiles. They had sideswipe collision, left roadway and struck trees. | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 2/1/08 | 14:54 | LUCE | TRAIL 9 SOUTH OF CO RD 401 | 46 / M | YES | Michigan | UNK | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile failed to negotiate curve and struck a tree. Driver was ejected and struck same tree. Speed and alcohol were a factor. | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 2/3/08 | 04:45 | OSCODA | WATERWHEEL CT/ RANDALL RD | 41 / M | YES | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile was westbound on Waterwheel Court, when he left the roadway, missed a curve, and struck a tree. | | | | | | | | | |

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| 17 | 2/6/08 | 18:50 | SHIAWASSEE | BATH RD | 20 / M | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| In passing another vehicle at high speed, operator of snowmobile, going east bound, collided with a tractor going westbound, head on. | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 2/8/08 | 15:17 | KALKASKA | TRAIL 55 #18 | 44 / F | NO | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile and passenger struck another snowmobile that was left partly on the roadway without lights, not being able to get out. Both were ejected and operator struck tree. | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 2/7/08 | 14:13 | ISABELLA | E, ROSEBUSH RD | 40 / M | YES | Michigan | UNK | Final |
| Snowmobile operator and passenger, riding east, collided with a truck that was stuck on roadway following heavy snowfall. | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | 02/15/08 | 12:55 | DELTA | USFS2438 RD, ½ MILE SOUTH OF CR 440 | 36 / M | NO | Indiana | UNK | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile, third in group, was unable to see tree across trail and hit tree. Was thrown forward into second tree. | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 2/16/08 | 00:15 | ALGER | TRAIL 419, NEAR INTERSECTION TRL 8 | 35 / M | YES | Michigan | Y | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile failed to negotiate a curve and struck a tree, head first, and was ejected. | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | 2/16/08 | 16:25 | KALKASKA | FLETCHER RD | 21 / M | NO | Michigan | UNK | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile traveled at high rate of speed over hill and struck a parked snowmobile, then rolled over several times. | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | 2/23/08 | 01:33 | LAKE | SIX-MILE RD AND MACK RD | 27 / M | YES | Michigan | YES | Final |
| Snowmobiler, accompanied on side and behind by 2 other snowmobilers, missed a curve and ended in ditch bank, with the two snowmobiles following. Operator of first snowmobile was pronounced dead at scene. | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | 3/4/08 | 14:10 | GOGEBIC | TRAIL 107 / 150 | 68 / M | NO | Indiana | UNK | Final |
| Operator of snowmobile failed to negotiate a curve in trail, lost control, struck snow embankment, went airborne, struck several trees. Speed was a factor. | | | | | | | | | |
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