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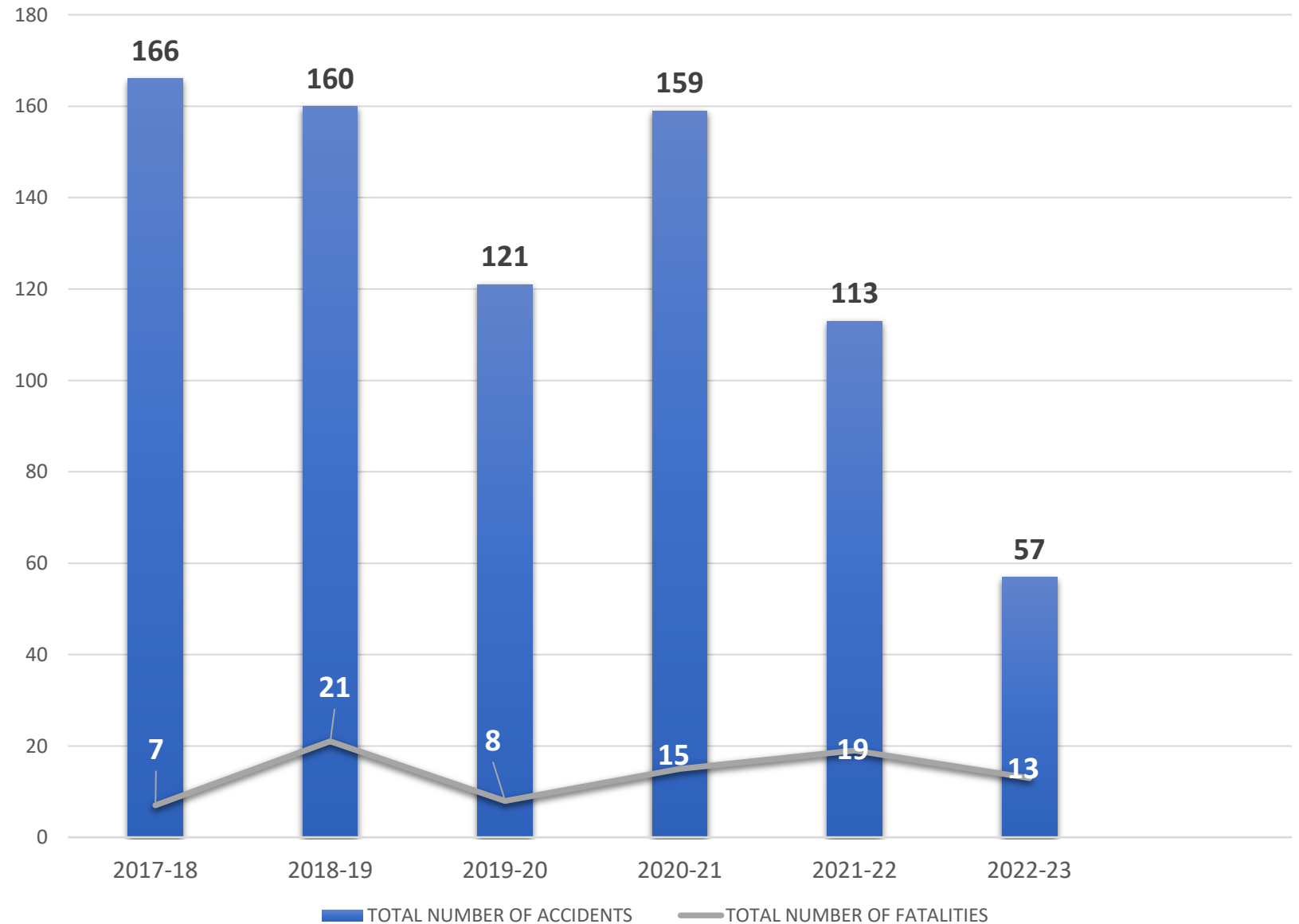
Snowmobile Unit 2022-2023 Accident and Fatality Report Summary

INTRODUCTION

- This summary compiles incident statistics for the 2022-2023 snowmobile season. The snowmobile season coincides with the State's fiscal year; thus, this summary includes all **reported** incidents that occurred between April 1st, 2022 through March 31st, 2023.
- In total, there were 57 reported incidents in 2022-2023. These incidents involved 62 operators, resulting in 43 injuries and 13 fatalities.

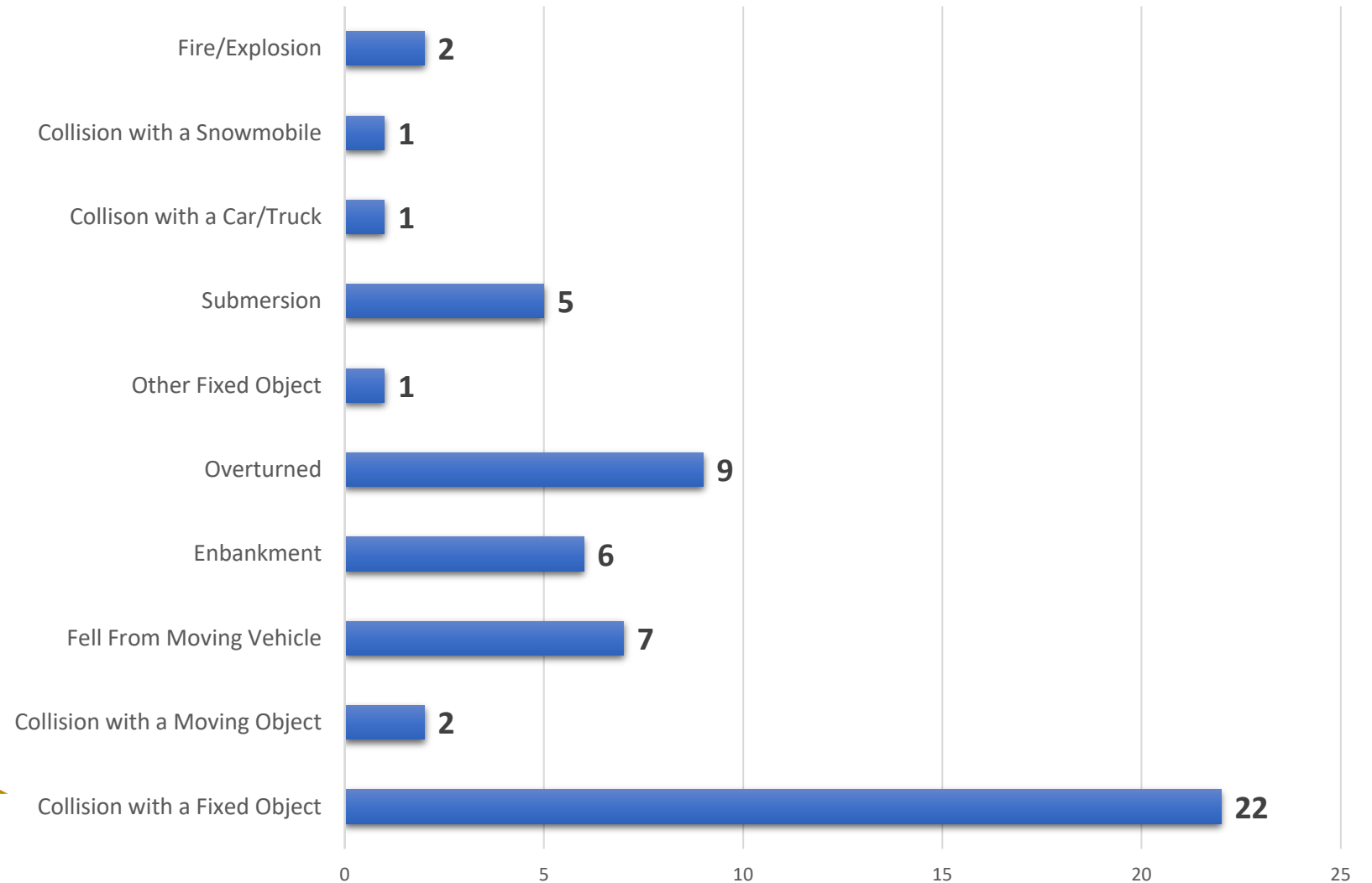
INCIDENT COUNT BY SEASON

2022-23 season = 56 incidents, including 13 fatalities



TYPE OF INCIDENT

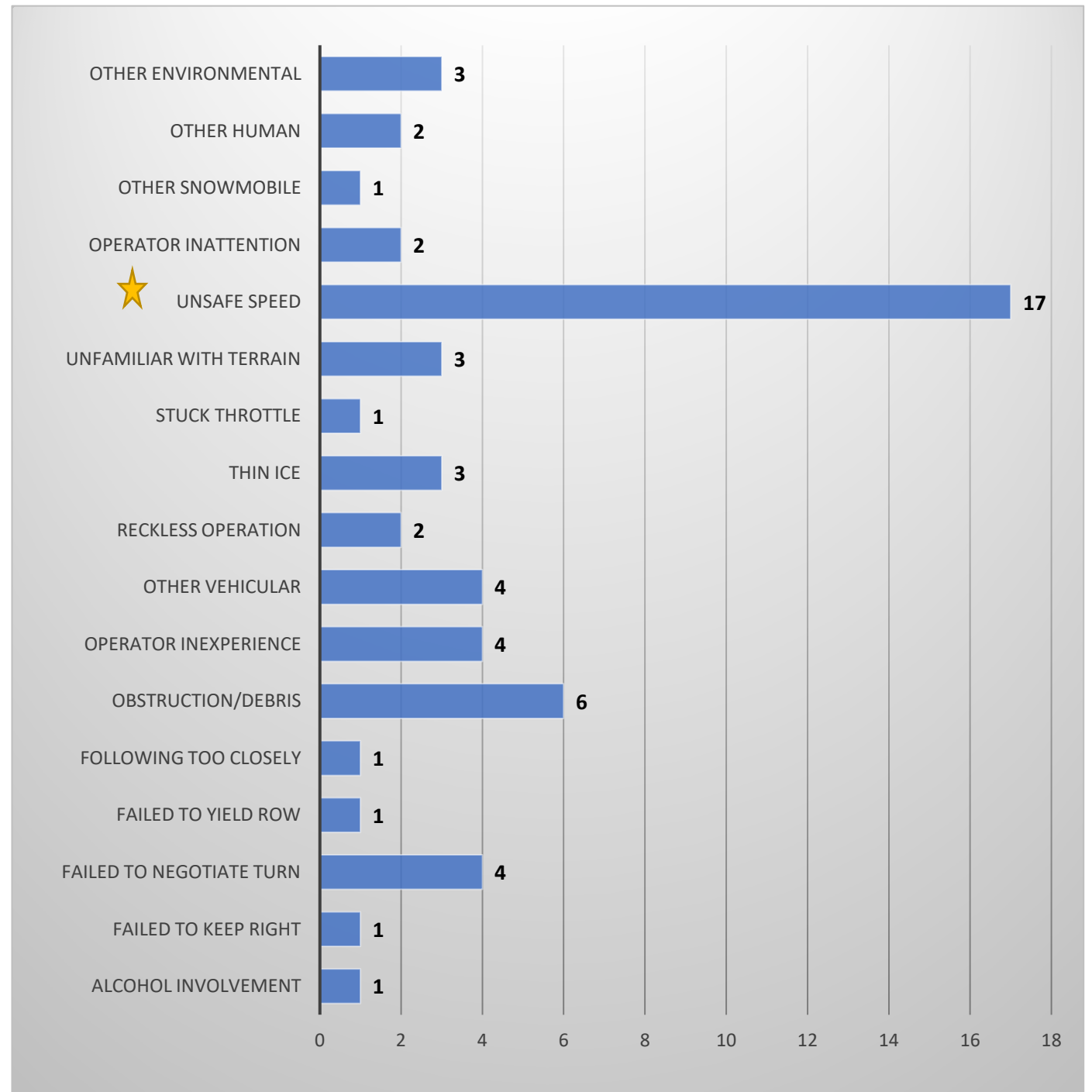
Most incidents that occurred were collisions with fixed objects (23), such as trees, embankments, trailers, guide rails, and parked snowmobiles.



LEADING FACTORS

The top factors for incidents this season were...

- **Unsafe speed (17)**
- **Obstruction/Debris (6)**
- **Operator Inexperience (4)**
- **Failed to Negotiate a Turn (4)**
 - **Other Vehicular (4)**

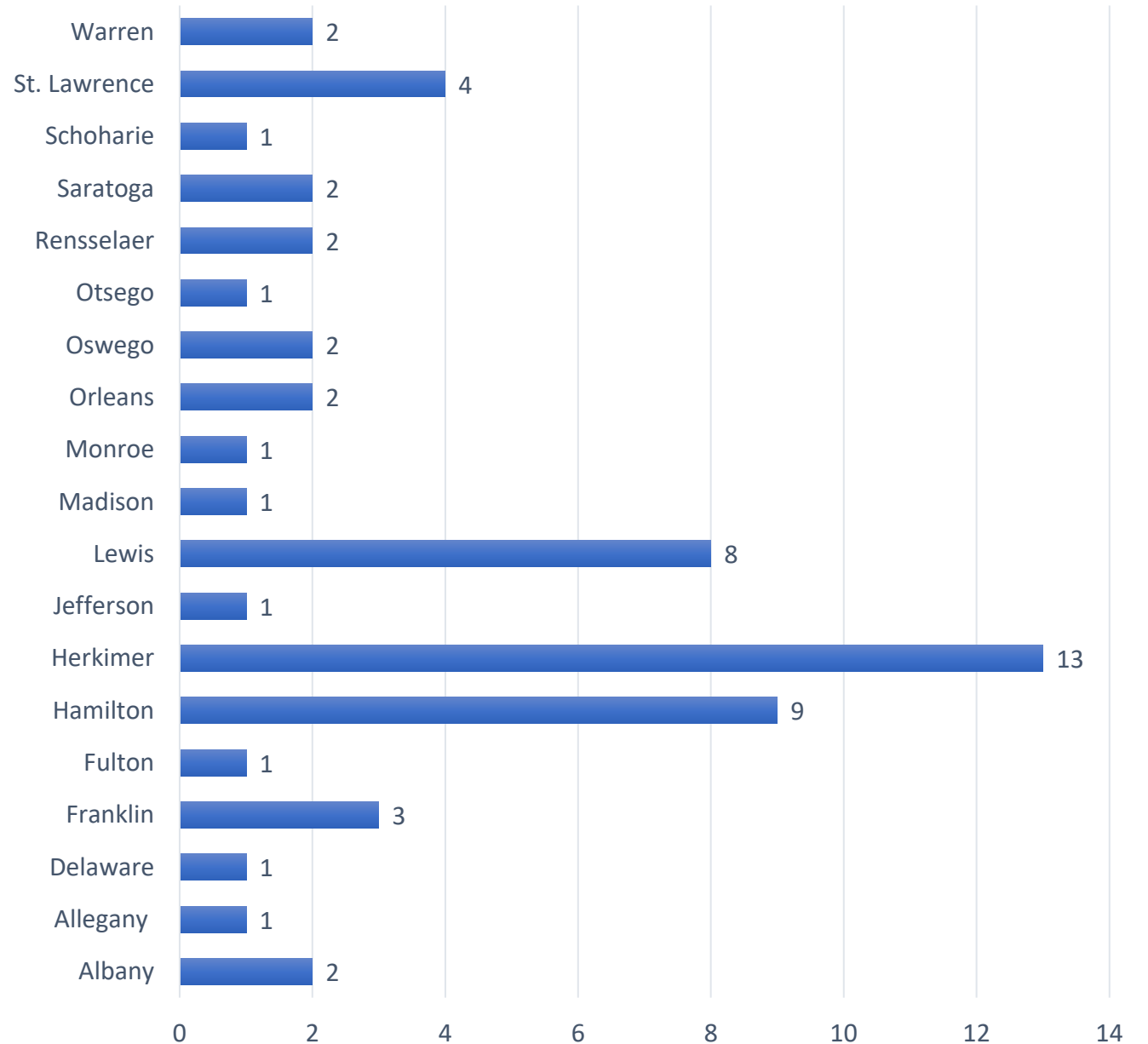


INCIDENTS BY COUNTY (Non-Fatal)

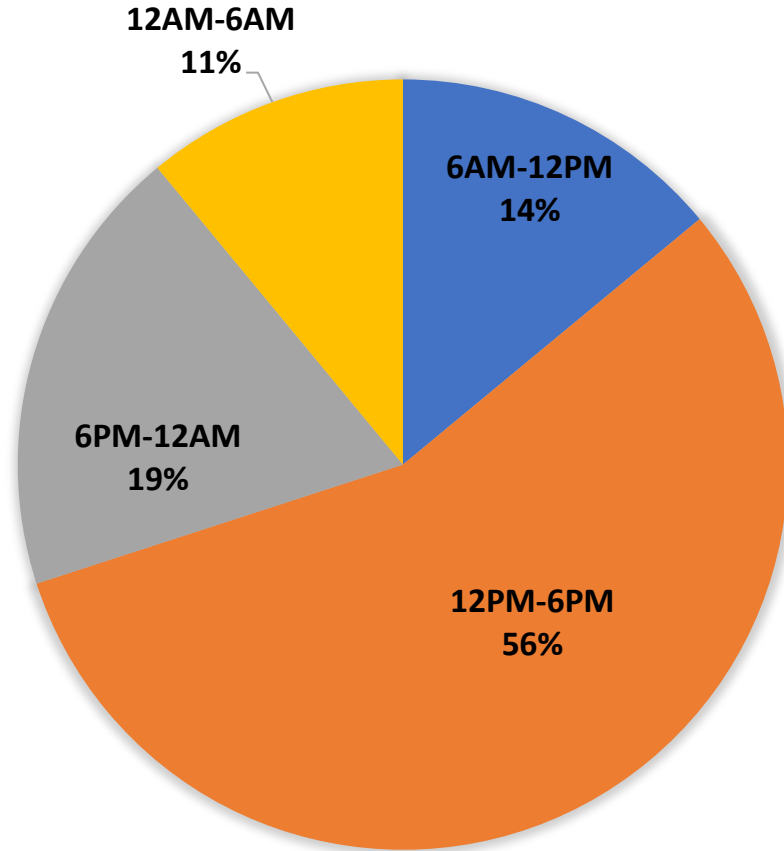
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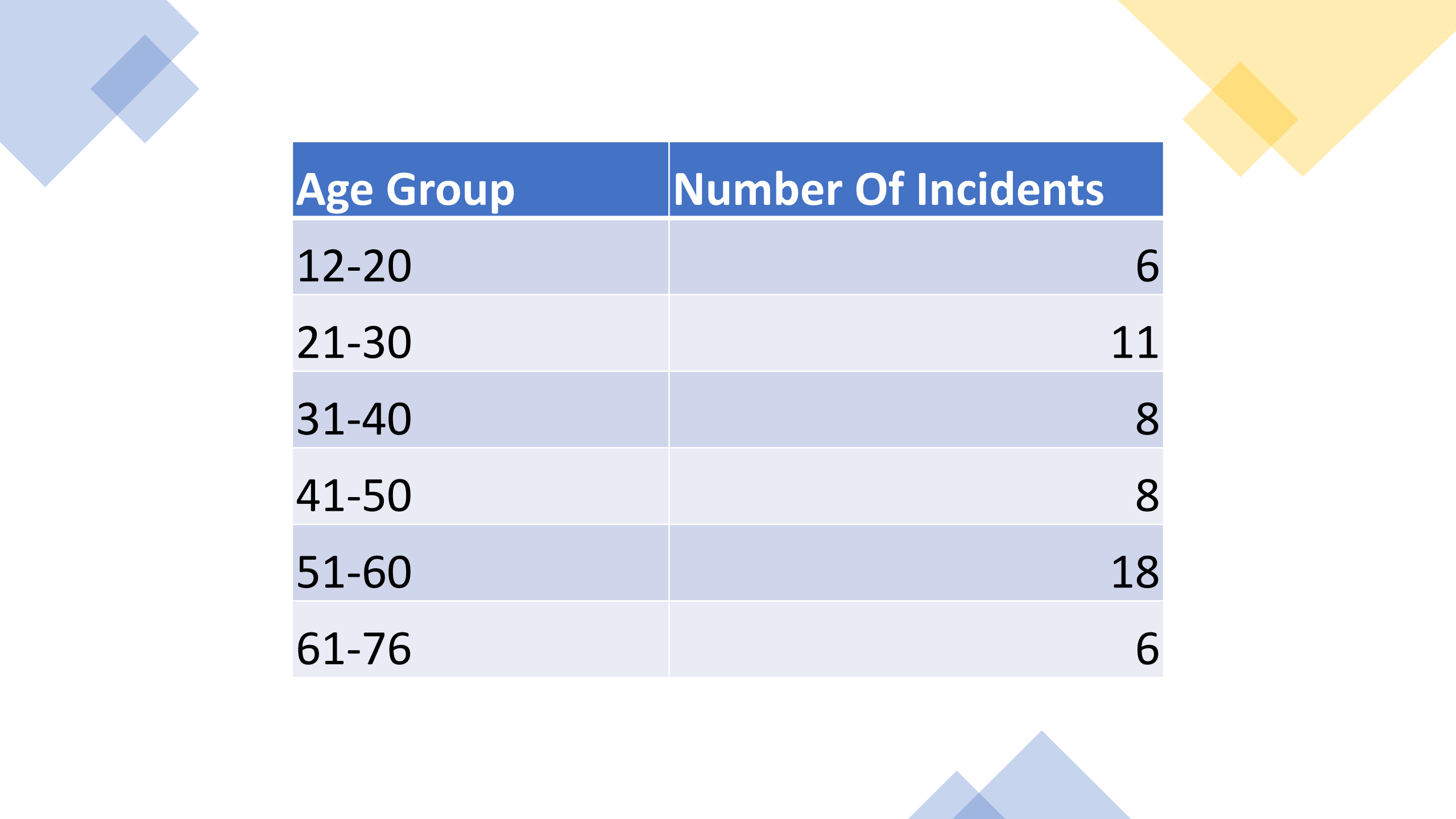
St Lawrence = 4

Fulton = 1



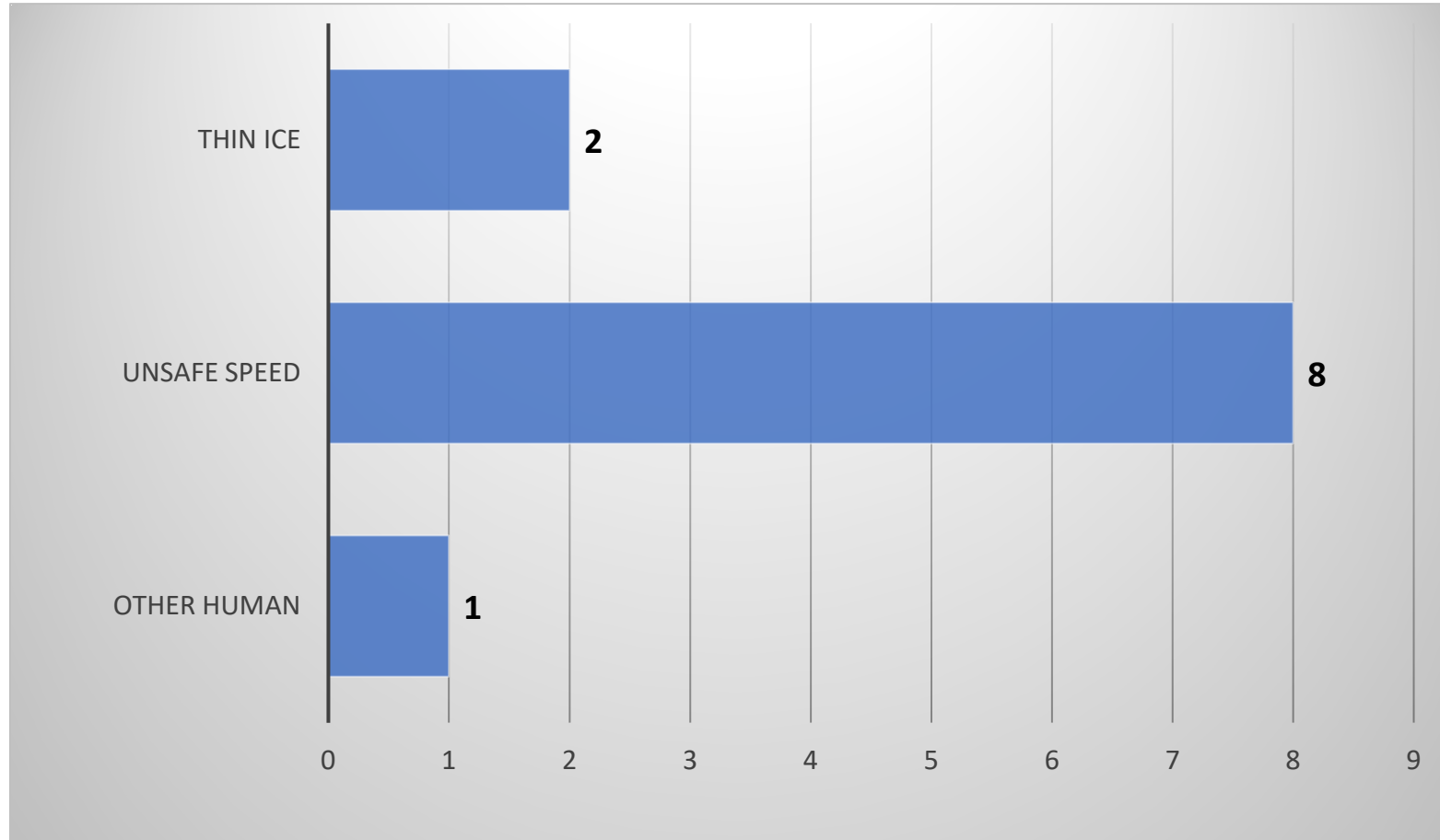
TIME OF DAY





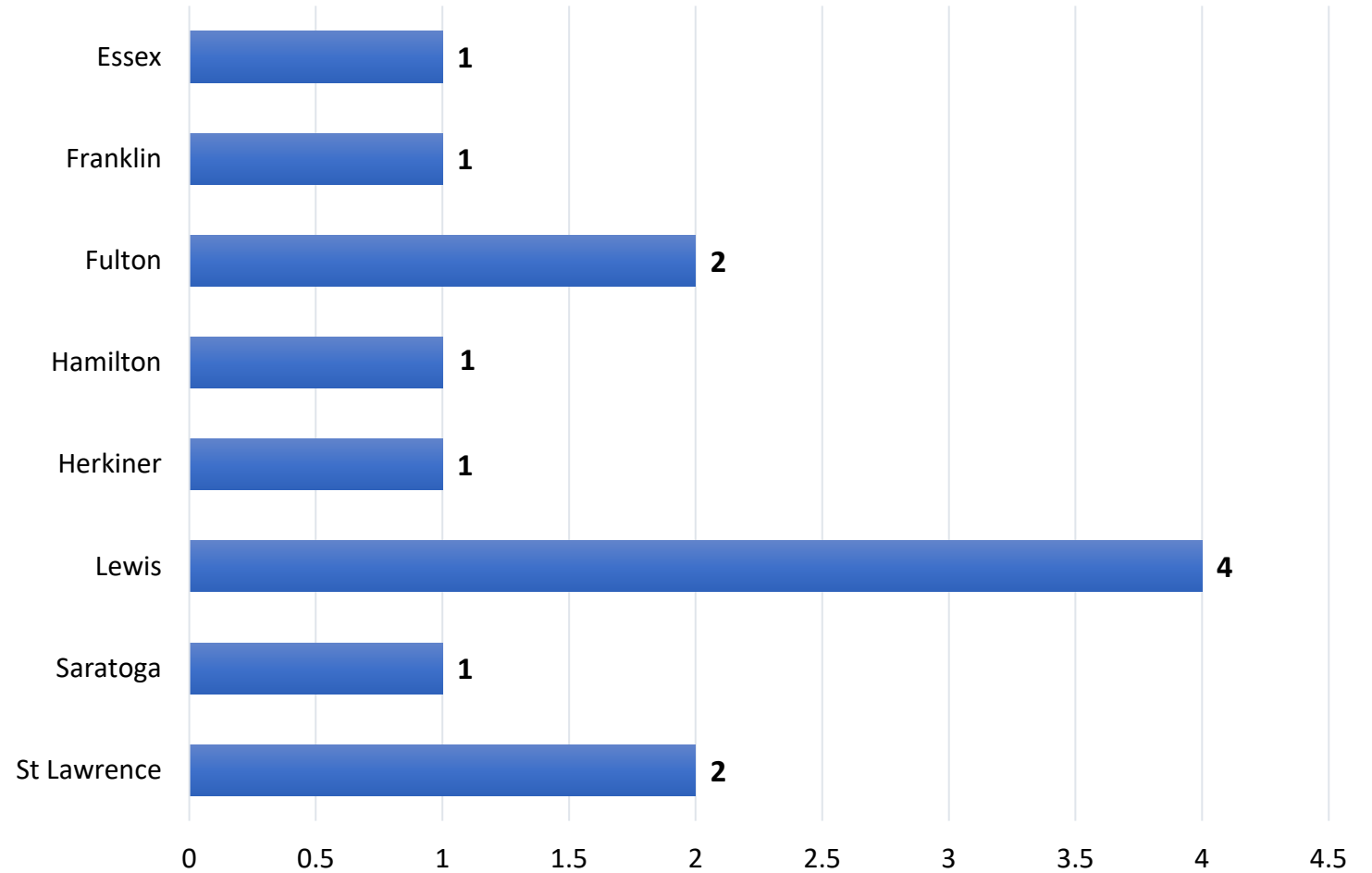
| Age Group | Number Of Incidents |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 12-20 | 6 |
| 21-30 | 11 |
| 31-40 | 8 |
| 41-50 | 8 |
| 51-60 | 18 |
| 61-76 | 6 |

LEADING FACTORS OF FATALITIES



Unsafe speed (8) topped all other leading factors for fatalities. Of the 8 unsafe speed fatalities, 4 had alcoholic involvement

FATALITIES BY COUNTY



Fatality Details

2022-23 Summary of Snowmobile Related Fatalities

| Date | Time | County | Type | Leading Factor |
|------------|---------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 12/22/2022 | 3:12am | St. Lawrence | Collision with a Fixed Object | Unsafe Speed/Obstruction/Debris |
| 12/29/2022 | 6:20pm | Lewis | Collision with a Fixed Object | Unsafe Speed/Alcoholic Involvement |
| 1/26/2023 | 8:57pm | Fulton | Submersion | Thin Ice |
| 1/26/2023 | 11:23pm | Lewis | Collision with a Fixed Object | Unsafe Speed/Alcoholic Involvement |
| 1/28/2023 | 11:35pm | Saratoga | Fall from a Moving Vehicle | N/A |
| 2/6/2023 | 2:49pm | Franklin | Fall from a Moving Vehicle | Other Human |
| 2/13/2023 | 6:40pm | Hamilton | Collision with a Fixed Object | Unsafe Speed |
| 2/25/2023 | 5:27pm | Lewis | Collision with a Fixed Object | Unsafe Speed/Failed to Negotiate a Turn |
| 2/26/2023 | 1:40pm | Herkimer | Other Fixed Object | Unsafe Speed/Other Environmental |
| 2/26/2023 | 8:49pm | Lewis | Collision with a Fixed Object | Unsafe Speed/Alcoholic Involvement |
| 3/4/2023 | 12:11am | Essex | Submersion | Thin Ice/View Obstructed |
| 3/4/2023 | 3:00pm | St. Lawrence | Collision with a Fixed Object | Unsafe Speed/Other Environmental |
| 3/14/2023 | 9:13pm | Fulton | Collision with a Fixed Object | Alcoholic Involvement |

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- The many snowmobile clubs across New York State who maintain safe snowmobile trails through their volunteer labor;
- The New York State Snowmobile Association;
- The state, county, city, town and village law enforcement departments who operate snowmobile patrols, respond to accidents, and prepare the reports which form this summary;
- Local first responders who are often first on the scene of accidents with lifesaving assistance;
- All snowmobilers committed to safe and ethical riding, including the many who stop to furnish assistance in the event of an accident.

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