Snowmobile Unit
2020-2021 Accident Report
Summary
INTRODUCTION

• This summary compiles accident statistics for the 2020-2021 snowmobile season. The snowmobile season coincides with the State’s fiscal year; thus, this summary includes all reported accidents that occurred between April 1st, 2020 through March 31st, 2021.

• In total, there were 159 reported accidents in 2020-2021. These accidents involved 190 operators, resulting in 113 injuries and 15 fatalities.
2020-21 season = 159 accidents, including 15 fatalities
Most accidents that occurred were collisions with fixed objects (56), such as trees, embankments, trailers, guide rails, and parked snowmobiles.
LEADING FACTORS

The top three factors for accidents this season were...

- Unsafe speed (54)
- Operator Inexperience (17)
- Unfamiliar with Terrain (13)
ACCIDENTS BY COUNTY

Lewis = 37 (3 fatalities)
Herkimer = 20 (2 fatalities)
    Town of Webb = 18
Hamilton = 12 (0 fatalities)
    Town of Inlet = 2
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<th>Age Group</th>
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LEADING FACTORS OF FATALITIES

Unsafe speed (8) topped all other leading factors for fatalities.
FATALITIES BY COUNTY

- Albany: 1
- Franklin: 1
- Herkimer: 2
- Lewis: 3
- Monroe: 2
- Oneida: 1
- Orange: 1
- Oswego: 1
- St Lawrence: 2
- Warren: 1

NUMBER OF FATALITIES

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5
# Fatal Accidents Details

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<td>Albany, Albany</td>
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<td>Thin Ice</td>
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<td>Denmark, Lewis</td>
<td>Unsafe Speed</td>
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