

All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATV MN)

Safety Committee



- The All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota, Inc., first organized in 1983, is a non-profit corporation under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 317A.
- ATV MN is the State Association representing 70 ATV clubs and ATV riding families across Minnesota.
- ATV MN provides ATV clubs with the "tools" they need to build ATV trails for the riding public that are fun and sustainable, while protecting natural resources.



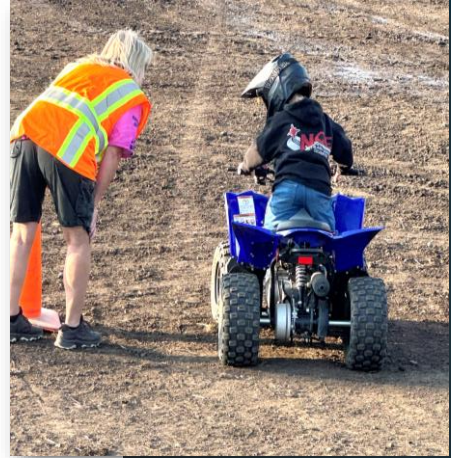
- Established ATV registration program and dedicated fund account in conjunction with MN DNR.
- Helped establish the ATV Grant-in-Aid trail grant program, ATV youth safety training program.
- Initiated MN DNR Volunteer Trail Ambassador Program



- ATV MN advances and foster the recognition and acceptance of ATV recreation as a fun family oriented outdoor recreational experience.
- ATV MN promotes the benefits of ATV recreation as a contributor to rural economies of the State of Minnesota.

ATV MN Safety Committee

- Established in 2022 to bring safety to the forefront of ATV MN membership.
- Comprised of Youth ATV Safety Instructors, MN DNR Trail Ambassadors, ATV MN Board members, Club Officers and guests from TZD and MN DNR.



ATV MN Safety Committee

- Creating a line of communication with 70 ATV MN affiliated clubs to share safety information.
- Establishing partnerships to reach riders outside of ATV MN.
 - Example: Toward Zero Deaths, RideSafe Foundation, Minnesota Safety Council, Hilermanson Sports, Brainerd Everything Outdoors Youth Expo, Essentia Health, Fond du Lac Reservation.



ATV MN Safety Committee

- Changing the culture of ATV/UTV riding beyond ATV MN membership.
- Educating riders about:
 - MN DNR regulations
 - Safety gear
 - The right size machine
 - Riding sober
 - Youth ATV Safety Courses
 - Using rider active techniques
 - Pre-ride machine check
 - Parent supervision



Why Is ATV MN Here Today?

We need your help!

- Roadway Design
- First Responders
- Enforcement
- More Youth ATV Safety Opportunities
- More Clubs in Southern Minnesota





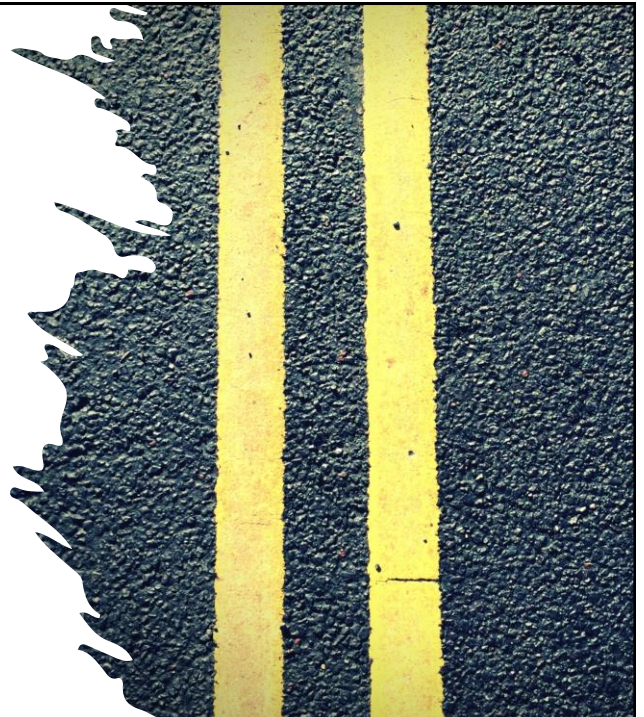
Roadway Design

- Location of Fatality:

- Road Right of Way
 - 2022 - 15
 - 2023 - 9
 - Total - 24 or 65%
- Private Property
 - 2022 - 6
 - 2023 - 4
 - Total - 10 or 27%
- Public Trails
 - 2022 - 1
 - 2023 - 2
 - Total - 3 or 8%

Roadway Design

- Tilt table tests show lateral roll for most ATV/UTV is roughly 40 degrees.
- Are ditch angles greater than 40 degrees?
- Can there be wider shoulders?





EMS - First Responders

- Rollover
 - 2022 - 13
 - 2023 - 11
 - Total - 24 or 65%
- Hit Fixed Object
 - 2022 - 6
 - 2023 - 3
 - Total - 9 or 24%
- Other
 - 2022 - 3
 - 2023 - 0
 - Total - 3 or 8%

EMS - First Responders

- More UTV's are on county and municipal roads
- Are there UTV specific training exercises?
- ATV MN Safety Committee is discussing providing totaled UTVs for training purposes.



Enforcement

- As there are more UTVs on county roads, are there road routes established?
- Safe routes to town and in town?
- Are routes signed and mapped?



Youth ATV Safety Training

- Many counties have Sheriff ATV Safety Certificate training.
- 4-H Youth ATV Safety Training
- More ATV MN clubs would increase opportunities to complete ATV Safety Certificate for youth.





More Clubs in Southern Minnesota

- Increase safety messaging in communities resistant to wearing safety gear, especially helmets.
- Encourage obtaining required ATV Safety Certificate
- Participate in community events to promote ATV/UTV safety
- Identify and encourage safe routes in the area.
- Identify areas to develop trails or riding



More Clubs in Southern Minnesota

- **Other Factors:**
- Alcohol/Impairment
 - 2022 - 11
 - 2023 - 5
 - Total - 16 or 43%
- No Helmet/Seatbelt
 - 2022 - n/a
 - 2023 - 12
 - Total for 2023 - 80%
- No ATV Safety Certificate
 - *No safety certificate needed if born before July 1, 1987.
 - 2022 - 22
 - 2023 - 15
 - Total - 37 or 100%

