



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE

2015 FIRST QUARTER OHV ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The following data provides an observation of 2015's first quarter Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) activity, as reported by the Massachusetts Environmental Police.

Enforcement Operations: Over 460 officer hours were devoted to coordinated OHV patrols and enforcement operations in during January and February, resulting in numerous warnings, as well as civil and criminal citations. These patrols took place in: Amesbury, Ashfield, Barre, Becket, Belchertown, Blandford, Brookfield, Freetown, Goshen, Granby, Granville, Haverhill, Hawley, Heath, Holland, Merrimac, Otis, Otter River, Plainfield, Royalston, Rutland, Savoy, Southwick, Spencer, Templeton, Tolland, Westfield, Winchendon, and Windsor. SAM Trails from Spencer through Royalston and Barre through Winchendon.

There have been 159 OHV citations issued in January and February of 2015.

CH/SEC	DESCRIPTION	CIVIL	WARNING	VERBAL	ARREST	CRIMINAL	TOTAL
90B 21	UNDER 18 NO SAFETY COURSE	0	3	0	0	0	3
90B 22	UNREGISTERED	40	26	1	1	2	70
90B 22	NO REG IN POSSESSION	0	1	0	0	0	1
90B 23	REGISTRATION NO TRANSFER	0	1	0	0	0	1
90B 24	IMPROPER EQUIPMENT	0	2	0	0	0	2
90B 25	PUBLIC WAY	4	3	0	0	0	7
90B 26	DANGEROUS UNSAFE OPERATION	1	0	0	0	4	5
90B 26	ALLOW 18 OP IMPROPER	1	1	0	0	0	2
90B 26	HELMET VIOLATION	15	12	0	0	0	27
90B 26	OPERATING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY	10	6	0	0	4	20
90B 26	OPERATING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY	12	2	0	0	0	14
323 300	EQUIPMENT VIOLATION	1	0	0	0	0	1
323 300	PLATE VIOLATION	0	4	2	0	0	6
		84	61	3	1	10	159

Accident Data: The following reflects OHV and Snowmobile Accident Data from 1 January through 12 March 2015.

Snowmobiles: There were 17 snowmobile accidents; 14 operators were adults, 3 operators were minors (ages 10, 14, & 17), and there was 1 adult passenger. There was 1 adult fatality and 4 adult injuries. There were 0 youth fatalities and 2 youth injuries. Accidents included 6 through ice, 5 collisions, 2 rollovers, 1 ejection, 1 jumped off, 2 unknown. Accident locations include 6 on a pond or lake, 5 on private property, 4 on a trail, 1 on a public way, and 1 on railroad tracks.

Snowmobile Fatality: On January 31st on Congamond Lake, in Southwick, a 45 year old male operating a Fusion 900 Polaris Snowmobile on ice was found face down in the

water. The victim was operating under the Rte 168 bridge, struck the bridge, and then fell off or was thrown off. Victim had a helmet on but it was not on properly. Victim was pronounced DOA at the hospital. The victim consumed alcohol prior to the accident occurring.

Off-Highway Vehicles: There were 7 OHV accidents; 7 operators were adults, 1 operator was a minor (age 14), and there were 3 adult passengers. There were 0 adult fatalities and 3 adult injuries. There were 0 youth fatalities and 1 youth injury. Accidents included 3 through ice, 5 collisions, 2 rollovers, and 2 collisions (ATV v. Car, ATV v. ATV). Accident locations include 5 on a pond or lake, 1 on public way, and 1 on private property.

Education and Outreach: As of 17 March 2015, 45 students have completed the online education, 10 certificates have been issued, and 9 students are currently registered in upcoming courses. 5 classes have been completed, there are 6 classes scheduled over the next two months.

MEP has three newly qualified instructors for the course. Additionally, this week MEP will be conducting OHV Safety and Responsibility Course Instructor training which provide over 15 new instructors for the program.

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