



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE

2014 OHV ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The following data provides an observation of 2014's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) activity, as reported by the Massachusetts Environmental Police.

Enforcement Operations:

Over 2521 officer hours have been devoted to coordinated OHV patrols and enforcement operations in 2014, resulting in numerous warnings, as well as civil and criminal citations.

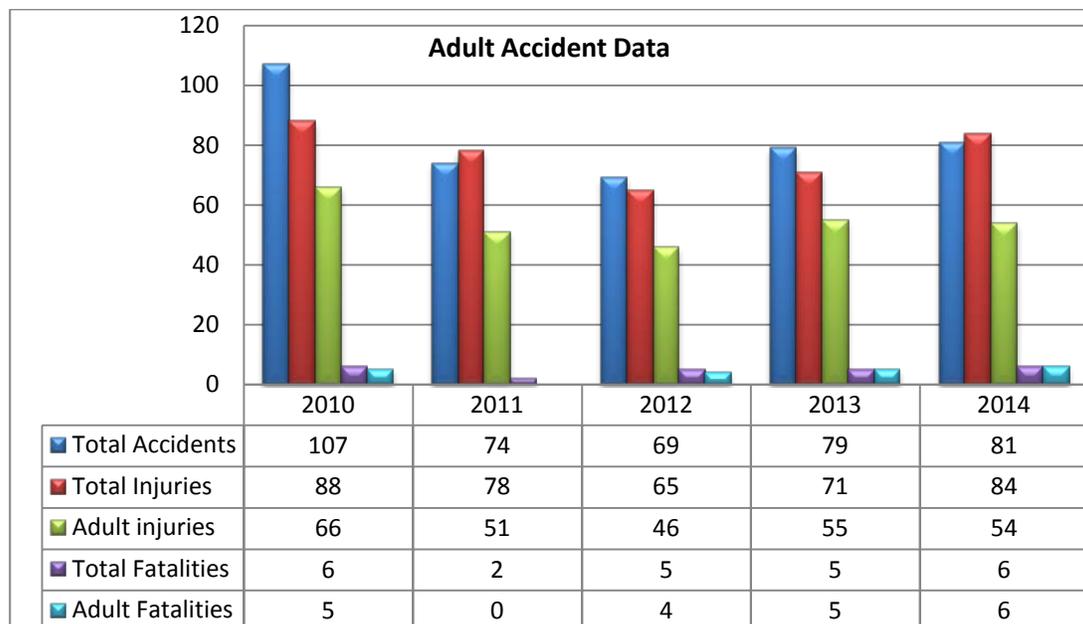
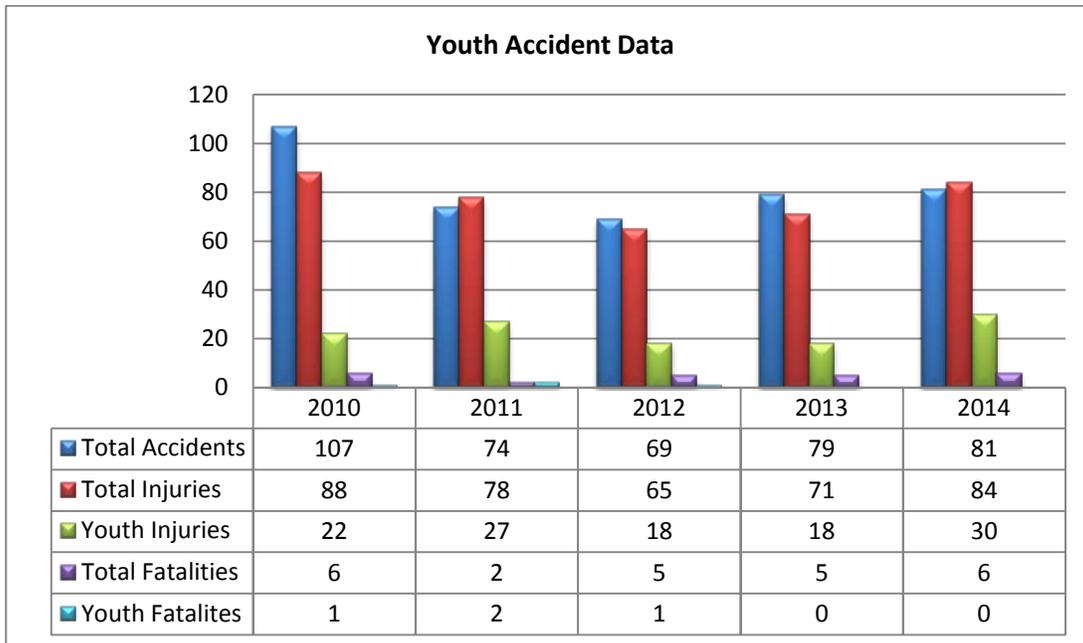
Patrols have taken place in: Abington (Ames Nowell State Park), Amesbury (Lake Attitash), Andover, Ashfield (Conway SAM Trail), Barre, Becket, Belchertown (Herm Cover, Swift River WMA), Bernardston, Blandford State Forest, Blackstone, Bourne, Brewster (Cape Sand and Gravel), Brockton (Oak Hill Way Industrial Complex), Burlington, Carver, Cheshire, Chester, Chicopee, Colrain, Congamond Lake, Dennison Recreation Area, Douglas State Forest, Easthampton (Oxbow Marina), East Longmeadow, Erwin Wilder WMA, Fall River, Falmouth, Freetown State Forest, Franklin, Granby, Hadley, Hampton Ponds, Harwich (Hawks Nest State Park), Haverhill, Holyoke Water Works, Hopkinton, Huntington, Joint Base Cape Cod, Lanesboro, Lee, Littleville Lake, Lanesboro (Ramble Wild Adventure Resort), Lenox, Leyden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Mashpee, Merrimac, Middleboro, Middlefield, Millbury, Millville (SNET Trail), Monterey, Montgomery, Mount Toby WMA, Myles Standish, Northampton, Norwich Lake, Oakham, October Mountain State Forest, Onota, Orleans Watershed, Otis, Palmer WMA, Paul Dever State School, Pembroke, Peru, Pittsfield, Plymouth (Darby Station, Ponds of Plymouth), Pontoosuc Lake, Royalston, Russell, Rutland, Sandwich (Coca Cola Plant), Savoy, Shelburne, Spencer (Camp Marshall), South Hadley, Southwick, Southwick WMA, Springfield, Sterling, Sunderland, Taunton, Tekoa WMA, Templeton (Dines Sand Pits), Templeton State Forest, Tewksbury, Tolland, Walnut Hill WMA, Washington, Westfield, Westhampton, West Springfield (Bear Hole Reservoir Watershed), Wilmington, Winchendon, and Windsor.

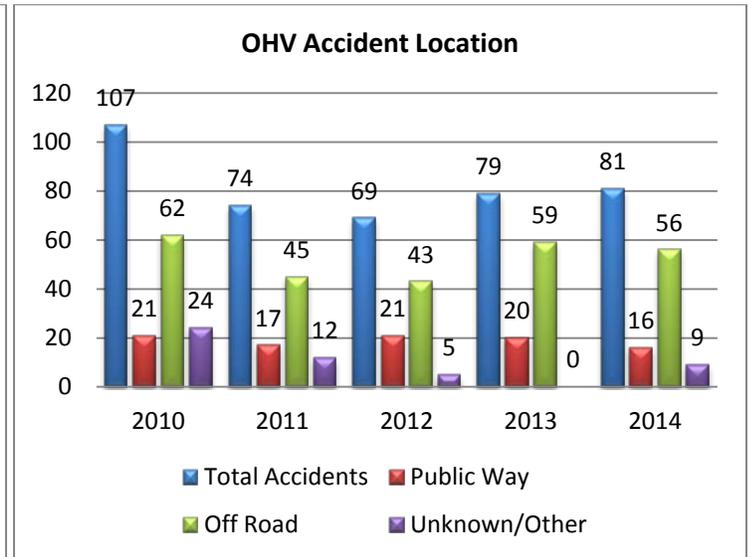
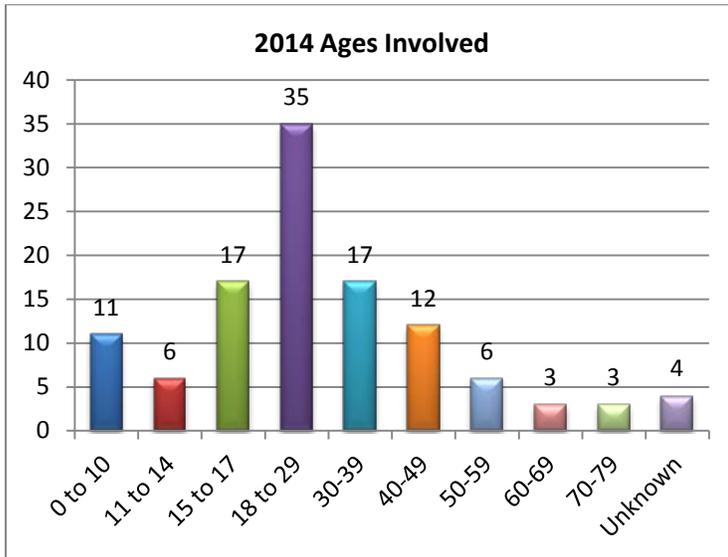
CH/SEC	DESCRIPTION	CIVIL	WARNING	VERBAL	ARREST	CRIMINAL	2014 TOTAL	Change from 2013
90B 21	Under 18 No Safety Course	11	18	1	0	0	30	↑275%
90B 22	Unregistered	237	177	18	5	18	455	↑38%
90B 22	No Reg in Poss	7	8	3	0	0	18	↓33%
90B 22	Fail to Report Address Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
90B 23	Registration, No Transfer	3	2	0	0	0	5	↑150%
90B 24	Improper Equipment	5	1	0	0	2	8	↑300%
90B 24	Excess Fumes	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
90B 24	Noise Violation	1	0	1	0	0	2	↑200%
90B 25	Public Ways	26	17	5	2	9	59	↑2%
90B 26	Dangerous/Unsafe Operation	2	9	1	3	17	32	↑100%
90B 26	Allow -18 Op Impr	32	14	2	0	1	49	↑158%
90B 26	Damage to Growing Stock	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
90B 26	Damage to Property	4	1	0	0	0	5	↑500%
90B 26	OUI Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
90B 26	Carry Firearm w/ op	1	1	0	0	1	3	↓25%
90B 26	Fail to Stop for Police	24	1	0	4	8	37	↑54%
90B 26	Helmet Violations	65	37	8	0	7	117	↑41%
90B 26	Harass Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0	0	↓400%
90B 26	OUI Liquor	1	0	0	0	0	1	↓50%
90B 26	Operating on Private Property	86	86	3	0	1	176	↑30%
90B 26	Operating on Public Property	60	30	7	1	0	98	↑85%
90B 26	Op w/ Revoked Registration	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
90B 26	Underage Operation Util Veh	1	0	0	0	0	1	↓75%
90B 27	Fail to Report Accident	1	3	0	0	0	4	↓20%
90B 32	Refusal to Submit	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
90B 33	Snowmobile Op Refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
323 300	Rec/Snow Violation	9	4	0	0	0	13	↓13%
323 300	Equipment Violation	2	0	0	0	0	2	↓67%
323 300	Plate Violation	0	4	1	0	0	5	↑67%
TOTALS		578	413	50	15	64	1120	↑43%

Accident Data:

The following reflects OHV Accident Data from 1 January through 15 December 2014.

There have been 81 OHV accidents; 40 collisions, 26 rollovers/dropped machines, 3 ATVs fell through ice, and 2 ATVs ran over dirtbike operators. There have been 30 youth injuries and no youth fatalities. 27 youths were considered operators in these accidents; all 18 youths involved have not completed the OHV Safety and Responsibility Course. There have been 65 adult injuries and 6 adult fatalities.





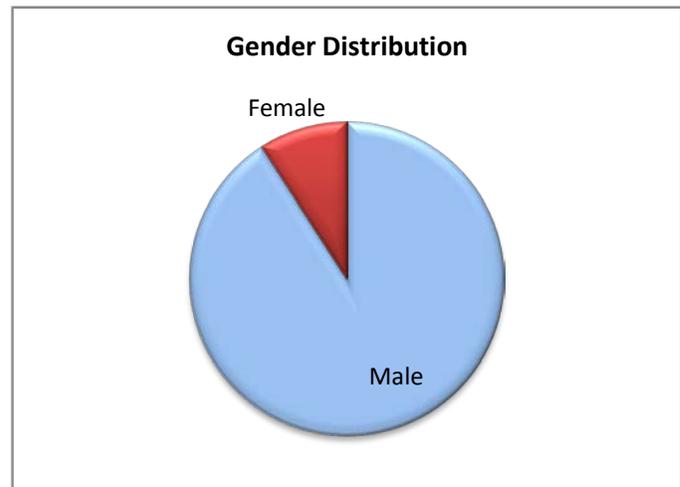
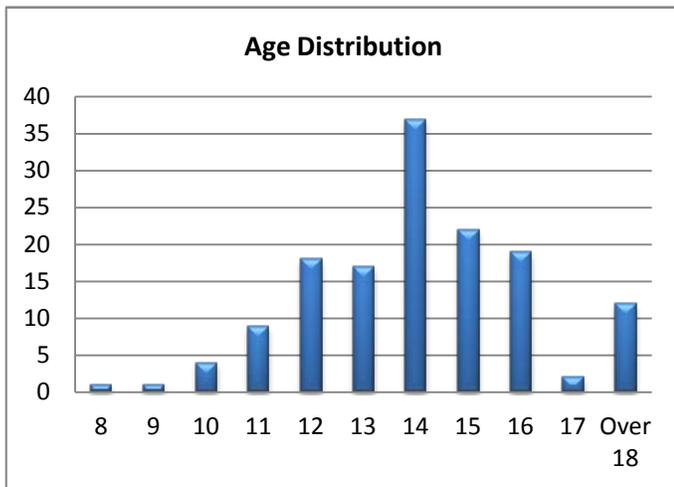
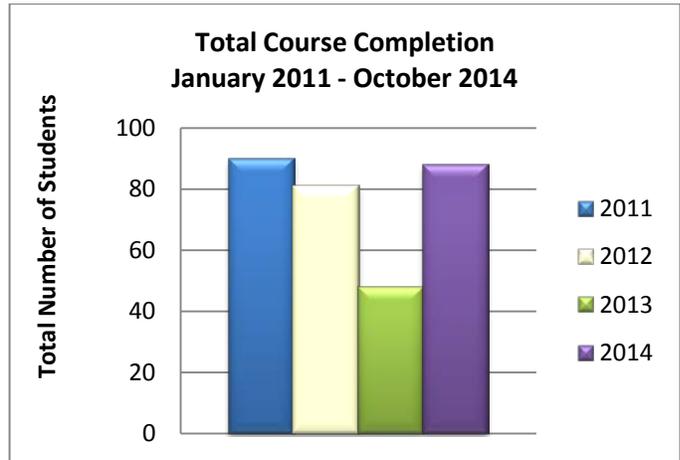
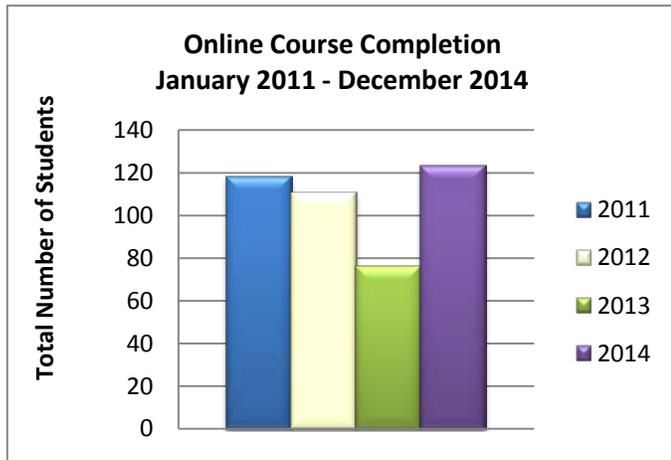
Fatality Data:

There have been 6 OHV fatalities as of 15 December 2014. All fatalities were adults (age 21, 29, 34, 35, 46, and 52). 3 fatalities occurred on private property, 2 on a public way, and 1 on a service road.

- 16 May 2014, Palmer, MA: A 21 year old male operating a Honda 3 wheel ATV ATC250SX on a dirt/gravel service road struck a 5 x 10 metal dumpster. He was DOA upon arrival to the hospital.
- 24 May 2014, Ludlow, MA: A 27 year old male operating a Polaris 4 wheel ATV Sportsman 500 on a public way. The ATV flipped over and landed on the operator. He was not wearing a helmet and the roads were wet from a recent thunderstorm. He was DOA upon arrival at the hospital.
- 01 June 2014, Gardner, MA: A 46 year old male operating a Kawasaki KX125 dirt bike on a public way went off the road and clipped a telephone pole support wire and went into a group of small trees whereupon he collided with many of them before coming to rest. He was treated at the hospital but soon after passed away.
- 21 June 2014, Brockton, MA: A 35 year old male operating a Yamaha Dirt Bike 125 CC on a public way failed to stop at a stop sign and struck a motor vehicle. According to witnesses, prior to operation he was drinking alcohol and intoxicated at a party. He was not wearing a helmet.
- 24 June 2014, Plymouth, MA: A 52 year old male operating a Polaris 4 wheel ATV Sportsman 500 on a wooded trail with a female 55 year old passenger overturned on a trail. Both operator and passenger were taken to the hospital. Operator was pronounced DOA upon arrival to the a hospital. Passenger was treated for head and neck injuries. Neither person was wearing helmet. Odor of alcohol was detected by a Plymouth Police Officer on scene.
- 28 June 2014, Lunenburg, MA: A 34 year old male (deceased) was operating on a dirt trail on a Suzuki Dirt bike 250 CC and his friend a 20 year old male (sustained severe injuries) operating a Suzuki Dirt 250 CC were operating on their back wheels ("pulling wheelies") and crashed head-on. Both operators' were wearing helmets.

Education and MEP Outreach:

Online education is up 62% from last year and total course completions have risen over 83% from this time last year.



There have been 27 classes scheduled so far this year (Dalton-4, Foxboro-5, Gloucester-3, Greenfield-1, Hingham-1, Montague-4, Plymouth-3, Springfield/Lake Lorraine-2, Yarmouth-1); 2 (Hingham and Gloucester) have been canceled. There is currently 1 class pending in Montague.

ATV safety education and training has been provided to several partner first responder agencies in 2014, to include: Aquinnah Police Department, Barnstable County Sheriff Department, Bedford VA Police Department, Chilmark Fire Department, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Dunstable Fire and Police Departments, Duxbury Police Department, Mashpee Police Department, Massachusetts State Police, Pepperell Fire Department, Taunton Police Department, Tri-Town Ambulance, and Uxbridge Police Department.

OHV Safety Media Campaign Update:

As of 15 December 2014, the YouTube PSA has been viewed over 40,500 times.

OHV Safety Billboard Campaign Update:

The next step is to finalize the content for the billboard so that we can begin development of the creative.

Registration:

Active OHV registrations have experienced a decline over the last 6 years. Of the 15499 current active registrations, 1236 are non-resident registrations, making up 8% of total registrations.

