

COMMUNITYNEWS

ASK A TROOPER

Motorcycle facts and tips

Q: Can you talk about motorcycle safety?

A: With spring upon us and motorcycles sharing the highways once again, this is a great time to provide motorcycle crash facts and safety tips.

In Minnesota, over half of motorcycle crashes are single vehicle crashes. Motorcycle use is at an all-time high and the two primary factors involved when they crash are “driver inexperience” and “speed.”

One main reason that motorcyclists are killed in crashes is because the motorcycle itself provides virtually no protection. The occupant protection that is built in to our passenger cars protects us greatly, but cannot be incorporated within a motorcycle.

Nationwide, 80 percent of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death; a comparable figure for automobiles is only 20 percent.

Nationwide, 25 percent of motorcycle operators killed in crashes are not licensed or are improperly licensed to operate a motorcycle.

Approximately half of all fatal single-vehicle motorcycle crashes involved alcohol. Driving a motorcycle requires more skill and coordination than driving most other vehicles and impairment, even at lower levels, diminishes judgment and motor skills greatly.

It is not advisable to buy a motorcycle you cannot push or pull upright by yourself.



Sgt. Neil
DICKENSON
MINNESOTA STATE PATROL

A motorcycle must be the right fit for the person and the style of the cycle should fit the user.

Because serious head injury is common among fatally injured motorcyclists, helmet use is important. Helmets are about 37 percent effective in preventing motorcycle deaths and about 67 percent effective in preventing brain injuries.

All motorists are reminded to safely “share the road” with motorcycles and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe. Motorcyclists are reminded to make themselves visible to other motorists.

For more information on motorcycles, crash facts, training course and research go to: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles>.

Questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota may be directed to: Sgt. Neil Dickenson, Minnesota State Patrol, 1131 Mesaba Ave., Duluth MN 55811. Follow on Twitter @MSPPIO_NE or contact at neil.dickenson@state.mn.us.

BORDERLAND BRIEFS

‘SOLUTION MONDAY’ TERMINATED

The “Solution Monday,” All Recoveries 12-Step (RA) meetings at 3 p.m. Mondays at Backus Community Center have been terminated.

‘MINECRAFT IN THE DUNGEON’

Area youth are welcome to “Minecraft in The Dungeon” from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Bring own tablet, smart phone or phone. Wifi is available. Older video games and chess, checkers, card and board games will be available. Adult chaperones in attendance at all times. Price per person is \$7 each or two persons for \$10. Pop, water and Monsters will be for sale. Information and directions at mrfaithslasers.com or Facebook “Faiths Dungeon”.

MDHA SEED GIVEAWAY

Minnesota Deer Hunters Association will host a free seed giveaway to members from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Kerry Park Arena parking lot. Members may renew their memberships and new members are also welcome.

LOTTERY

Sunday’s Daily 3 9, 1, 6	Friday’s Mega Millions 17, 18, 61, 66, 74
Sunday’s Northstar Cash 9, 10, 12, 28, 31	Mega Ball 3
Friday’s Gopher 5 9, 11, 13, 16, 39	Saturday’s Powerball 2, 6, 11, 30, 31
Saturday’s Hot Lotto 5, 21, 30, 37, 40	Powerball 33
Hot Ball 13	



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Fri. May 8th Open at 4 p.m.
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Wing night Starting May 20

CALENDAR

TODAY

- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Wednesday Study Group, 10:15 a.m., Faith United Church of Christ.
- Falls High School Class of 1963, 11:30 a.m., Lenard’s.
- Test of emergency sirens — 1 p.m., International Falls; 2, Fort Frances.
- Girl Guards, Sunbeams and Adventure Corps, 4:30-6 p.m., The Salvation Army.
- Free At Last, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Forestland Annex, lower level conference room.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 5:30-8 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- Men’s Non-Violence Group, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Wednesday Meal, 6:30 p.m., roast beef with mashed potatoes.
- Little Lambs (3 years to kindergarten) and King’s Kids (1st-5th grades), Youth Group (6th grade-up), 6:30-7:30 p.m., Full Gospel Fellowship Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

THURSDAY

- Hospital retirees, 8 a.m., Lenard’s.
- Bone Builders, 10-11:30 a.m., Woodland Apartments.
- Littlefork Ambulance Thrift Shop open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Northland Art Society open, various arts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Backus, Room 114.
- Storytime and Stay and Play, 10:30 a.m., International Falls Public Library.
- Minnesota Deer Hunters Association members’ free seed giveaway, 4-7:30 p.m., Kerry Park Arena parking lot.

- Weight Watchers, 4:45-5:15 p.m. weighing; 5:15 meeting, Zion Lutheran Church.
- Community Café, 5:30-6 p.m., sloppy joes on buns, pasta salad, mixed fruit, pickles, Backus Community Center.
- Beginner’s Tae Kwon Do, 5:45 p.m., Falls Elementary School gymnasium or cafeteria.
- Northland Art Society, 6 p.m., Backus building, art room.
- The Lamplighters, women’s support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, 6-8 p.m., Friends Against Abuse office.
- Women’s Health and Wellness Night, “Women it’s time for you to take care of you,” 6-9 p.m., Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club.

FRIDAY

- Boise Cascade Insulite retirees, 8:30 a.m., Hardee’s Restaurant.
- Walk-ercise group, 10-11 a.m., Backus Community Center gymnasium.
- Falls Hunger Coalition Food Shelf open, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1000 Fifth St.
- Serenity Sisters, Women’s A.A., noon, Backus, Rational Alternatives, Room 101.
- Minnesota Deer Hunters Association members’ free seed giveaway, 4-7:30 p.m., Kerry Park Arena parking lot.
- Members and guests Elks Lodge 1599 Friday Light Meal, 5:30 p.m., walleye sandwiches.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Alano Club.
- For Those in Need, Addiction Recovery, 7 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1340 Keenan Drive.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Alano Club, 410 Fifth Ave.

SATURDAY

- “Minecraft in The Dungeon,” 6-9 p.m., The Dungeon, Backus Community Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Alano Club.

POLICE REPORT

International Falls Fire Department

Vehicle fire: Firefighters Sunday extinguished a fire in a vehicle parked on Seventh Street. The vehicle was destroyed by the fire, the cause of which has yet to be determined.

Grass fire: Firefighters extinguished a fire Saturday in grass along County Road 144, also known as the Moonlight Rock Road. Cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

Tree fire: Firefighters were called to Second Avenue East April 29 when a tree caught fire after it fell on a power line. The fire was out by the time firefighters got to the scene.

St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office

ATV crash: Kristopher Pierre, 39, International Falls, was transported by

Orr ambulance late Saturday night to the Rainy Lake Medical Center with injuries that appeared non-life threatening after the all-terrain vehicle he was driving at night on the gravel at Sheep Ranch Road, north of Orr, slid off a corner, into the ditch and up a burm, striking a tree. The crash remains under investigation.

Koochiching County Sheriff’s Office
Burglary: Shelley B. Williams, County Road 1, Littlefork, reported April 25 that nothing appeared to have been taken after someone kicked the door open to a building there.

Burglary: Numerous items were taken after someone forced entry into a building on County Road 39, Littlefork. The items included alcohol, clothing,

DVDs, and a spotting scope among other items totaling nearly \$9,000.

Attempted suicide: Sheriff Perryn Hedlund reported that a 20-year-old Canadian man placed in the jail April 18 attempted suicide by placing his t-shirt around his neck. Hedlund said jail staff did an excellent job of following protocol and policy in handling the incident. The man was found during a well-being check by a corrections officer. The man had been arrested by the International Falls Police Department on suspicion of assault and theft at a local liquor store about one and a half hours before the incident. The man was taken by ambulance to a hospital in Fort Frances. He is expected to face criminal charges in Koochiching County.

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City of International Falls Water Customers

Staff will be installing remote water meter reading equipment to the external touch pads on all metered buildings in the City. This will allow remote radio technology to be used to read your monthly water use more efficiently and allow employees to work on other City projects.

You may notice our employees, who will be wearing lime green vests with identification cards, in your yard for a short time to install a small cover/radio box to the existing touch pad.

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