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Section 4519.46 Reporting of accident.

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The operator of a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle involved in any accident resulting in bodily injury to or death of any person, or damage to the property of any person in excess of one hundred dollars, shall report the accident within forty-eight hours to the state highway patrol, the sheriff of the county within which the accident occurred, or the chief of police, if the accident occurred within a municipal corporation, and, within thirty days, shall forward a written report of the accident to the registrar of motor vehicles on a form prescribed by the registrar. If the operator is physically incapable of making the reports and there is another participant in the accident not so incapacitated, the participant shall make the reports. In the event there is no other participant, and the operator is other than the owner, the owner, within the prescribed periods of time, shall make the reports.

Any law enforcement officer, or other person authorized by sections 4519.42 and 4519.43 of the Revised Code, who investigates or receives information of an accident involving a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, shall forward to the registrar a written report of the accident within forty-eight hours.

The registrar shall maintain a file of all reports received by the registrar of accidents involving a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle. The reports shall be for the confidential use of the director of public safety and the director of natural resources in the development of equipment and operating regulations, and of programs relating to the safe use of snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles, and all-purpose vehicles, except that the registrar shall furnish a copy of such report to any person claiming to have been injured or damaged in such accident, or the person's attorney, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar.