



# MARINE ON ST. CROIX

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## ALL ABOUT E-BIKES

As the popularity of e-bicycles has exploded, so have calls to the Sheriff's Office about them, ranging from nuisance issues such as teens riding them in parks to serious incidents involving accidents and injuries. Early fall still provides plenty of time for riding – maybe even to school – so it's helpful to know some basics about e-bike capabilities, statistics, and safety issues.

Depending on their class, e-bikes can reach speeds of 28mph and are legal on sidewalks, trails, streets, and private property, with permission. They are not permitted in public parks. Safety rules require e-bike riders under 18 to wear a helmet. E-bikes cannot have passengers and must use a headlight and rear reflector if riding at night. (*See attached chart.*) These speedy riders can take pedestrians as well as drivers by surprise, often resulting in complaints and near misses, all the way to full-on crashes.

On a national level, e-bike accidents surged from around 3,500 in 2017 to 34,200 in 2023, according to the latest numbers from [Consumer Shield](#). Roughly 38% of e-bike crashes nationally involve motor vehicles. Most e-bike accidents are single-vehicle accidents where the rider loses control and hits a stationary object, like a parked car, or runs off the road. Many riders take time to adjust to e-bikes, and they risk crashing while they learn how to use them. Motor vehicle drivers, on the other hand, often don't hear these quiet bikes, or they misjudge their speed or distance. Inattention and distracted driving are also a common cause of crashes with e-bikes.

With e-bike ridership still growing, it's important to be aware of the laws and local ordinances that apply wherever you ride. Always use caution, follow traffic rules, and wear the proper safety gear. Let's all do our part to ride responsibly and safely — so everyone can make the most of these final weeks of good weather before winter rolls in.

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

18

TRAFFIC STOPS

1

LOCAL AREA CHECKS

9



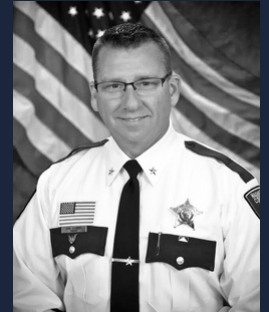
# WC25044048 LOST PROPERTY

18XXX ST. CROIX TRAIL N

At 10:06am on Aug. 15, a deputy spoke with an employee of William O'Brien State Park who was calling on behalf of a camper. The caller said the camper had lost a phone while on a trail the previous day, and the phone was now tracking to a residence in Marine on St. Croix. The deputy then made contact with the resident of the address in Marine, who reported finding the phone while hiking the previous day. However, the park office was closed by the time the phone was discovered, so the resident had taken it home for safekeeping and planned on returning it the following day. The deputy took the phone and returned it to the camper.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

We would be remiss if we didn't give a shout-out to all the citizens who gathered and celebrated National Night to Unite on Aug. 5. Our deputies and staff look forward to this annual event for the connections it solidifies and builds between law enforcement and the people we serve. Washington County deputies and command staff attended around 90 gatherings this year, both in communities where we patrol every day as well as with other law enforcement agencies in their cities. We thought you'd enjoy seeing some of the great photos we got from all over. Thank you for helping to make it such a special summer evening. Check out our [Facebook page](#) for more photos!



In service,  
*Dan Starry*  
Sheriff Dan Starry



Deputy Ostertag joined the bouncy house crew on Melanie Trail in Scandia.








K9 Goose and Deputy Thienes drew a crowd in Scandia.



Kids in Mahtomedi got to check out a WCSO squad first-hand.

# KNOW THE DIFFERENCE & RIDE SAFE

Reference MN Statute 169.011 for Definitions

CATEGORY	Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device	Motorized Foot Scooter	E-Bike (Classes 1-3)	Motorized Bicycle	Motorcycle
PHOTO					
PEDAL-ASSIST MOTOR	No	No	Yes	Maybe	No
MOTOR/ENGINE SIZE		100-750 watts	<750 watts	<1500 watts or <49cc	>1500 watts or >49cc
MAX SPEED	15	20	20 or 28 (Class 3)	30	>30
LICENSE REQUIRED	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
MINIMUM AGE	12	12	15	15	15
HELMET REQUIRED	<18	<18	<18	<18	<18
WHERE CAN I RIDE	Sidewalks Trails Streets (Limited) Private property	Trails Streets Private property	Sidewalk Trails Streets Private property	Streets Off-highway Private property	Streets Off-highway Private property
* Riding on private property requires permission from the property owner					
PASSENGER	No	No	No	If equipped with seat & footrests	If equipped with seat & footrests
NIGHTTIME	Reflectors	Headlight & taillight	Headlight & rear reflector	Headlight & taillight	Headlight & taillight
STATUTE	169.212	169.225	169.222	169.223	169.974

## Ride Safe Tips:

- Know the laws and ordinances
- Wear a helmet
- Ride at a reasonable speed and be aware of your surroundings
- Ride in the same direction as traffic on the right side
- Warn pedestrians and pass cautiously on the left
- Signal turns and yield at intersections
- Use lights and extra caution after dusk

**Total for City MARINE ON SAINT CROIX: 18**

<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Case#</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Event Description</b>
8/1/2025 8:24:39 PM	<a href="#">WC25041417</a>	3rd St / Oak St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ROAD HAZARD
8/2/2025 12:23:45 AM	<a href="#">WC25041478</a>	2XXX Jackson Trl, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	DISTURBANCE
8/2/2025 4:03:36 PM	<a href="#">WC25041573</a>	XXX Judd St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	PARKING COMPLAINT
8/2/2025 5:11:38 PM	<a href="#">WC25041586</a>	1XXX Quant Ave N, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	911 ABANDONED/HANGUP/OPEN LINE
8/5/2025 12:47:21 PM	<a href="#">WC25042125</a>	Saint Croix Trl N / Nason Hill Rd, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ROAD HAZARD
8/6/2025 10:06:22 PM	<a href="#">WC25042456</a>	SAINT CROIX TRL N / MAPLE ST, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	MOTORIST ASSIST
8/7/2025 4:36:34 PM	<a href="#">WC25042608</a>	XXX Oak Knoll Dr, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	CITIZEN/PUBLIC ASSIST
8/10/2025 6:35:48 AM	<a href="#">WC25043042</a>	XXX Broadway St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ALARM-BUSINESS/RES/FIRE/MEDICAL/ETC
8/11/2025 1:31:21 PM	<a href="#">WC25043250</a>	XXX Rose St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	FRAUD/SCAM
8/13/2025 12:58:34 PM	<a href="#">WC25043677</a>	18XXX Saint Croix Trl N, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ALARM-BUSINESS/RES/FIRE/MEDICAL/ETC
8/15/2025 10:06:01 AM	<a href="#">WC25044048</a>	18XXX Saint Croix Trl N, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	LOST PROPERTY/ITEM
8/16/2025 11:59:45 AM	<a href="#">WC25044250</a>	Unknown, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	FOLLOW UP
8/21/2025 9:09:53 PM	<a href="#">WC25045170</a>	XXX 5th St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ALARM-BUSINESS/RES/FIRE/MEDICAL/ETC
8/22/2025 4:44:28 PM	<a href="#">WC25045358</a>	XXX Judd St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ACCIDENT
8/24/2025 5:34:36 AM	<a href="#">WC25045664</a>	Hwy 95 At Elm St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ACCIDENT
8/24/2025 11:21:31 AM	<a href="#">WC25045687</a>	XXX Rose St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ALARM-BUSINESS/RES/FIRE/MEDICAL/ETC
8/26/2025 8:00:41 PM	<a href="#">WC25046185</a>	16XXX Saint Croix Trl N, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	ALARM-BUSINESS/RES/FIRE/MEDICAL/ETC
8/28/2025 11:43:11 AM	<a href="#">WC25046497</a>	18XXX Saint Croix Trl N, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX	MEDICAL