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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

**Statement of Commissioner Robert S. Adler
Regarding CPSC's ATV Safety Summit on October 11-12, 2012**

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There are more than 10 million four-wheel all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in use in the United States.

Each year, for every one hundred ATVs in use, there is more than one visit to an emergency room for an injury related to riding an ATV. Almost one out of four of these more than 100,000 emergency room patients will be a child under 16. At least one in five patients is likely to have been a passenger on the ATV, despite explicit warnings on the vehicles that there should never be a passenger on an ATV.

Each year there will be at least 700 funerals because of an ATV related incident. Since 1982, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has received more than 11,000 reports of ATV-related fatalities. Almost 3,000 have been children.

On October 11-12, 2012, the CPSC will host an ATV Safety Summit. The purpose of this Summit is to bring together all ATV stakeholders to focus on the safety of families and ATVs. I hope that the participants will include representatives from the manufacturing, research, inventor, and advocacy communities, in addition to consumers — and frankly anyone else that can help promote ATV safety.

The Summit will take place at CPSC Headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. Prospective panelists must register by September 14 at our Summit registration page, which can be found at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/atvsummit.aspx>. The Summit will be open to members of the public that pre-register by October 5, 2012, and it will also be broadcast live.¹ Those that cannot attend as panelists but wish to contribute their thoughts in writing may submit comments by November 14 at either <http://www.regulations.gov>, or follow the links on the Summit registration page.

In 2006, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for an ATV Safety Standard and Congress has instructed the agency to issue a final rule in that proceeding. I am hopeful the Summit will assist us in completing our rule. I also believe the Summit is an opportunity to chart the course forward for a joint effort by all interested parties, be they government, industry, academic, or consumers to significantly reduce ATV deaths and injuries. I hope to see you there.

¹ For more details, the official notice of the Summit can be found on CPSC's website, at <http://www.cpsc.gov>. All statistics cited are based on CPSC reporting, *see e.g.* <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia12/os/atv2010.pdf>.