

# ***Fox Crossing Police Department***

## **INFO BULLETIN**

### *Electric Scooters*

Officers have been noticing quite a bit of children throughout Fox Crossing operating these electric scooters. We have also received several phone calls from concerned parents and residents asking what the law is regarding their operation on the road.

A motorized scooter is similar to a traditional foot-propelled scooter with two small wheels except it is powered by either an electric motor or gasoline engine. A person operating a motorized scooter typically is in the standing position although some scooters are equipped with a bicycle seat.



Unlike mopeds, which may be driven legally on public roads, a motorized scooter may not be operated legally on public roads or sidewalks within a roadway's right-of-way.

Motorized scooters do not meet federal safety equipment standards for motor vehicles and are not designed for operation on roadways. Therefore, the law treats motorized scooters like lawn tractors, all-terrain vehicles, go-carts, mini-bikes and other off-road motor vehicles that are not allowed on public roads.

Motorized scooters may be operated on private property where the owner has given consent.