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MOTORCYCLE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



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ON MOTORCYCLE MENTORSHIP . . .

Motorcycle fatalities are a leading cause of accidental fatalities in our Army and have continued to increase since FY 04. Motorcycle Mentorship programs are gaining popularity Army-wide with over 50 groups already established. What's significant is we have not yet had a fatality when a rider is participating in a group ride sponsored by a motorcycle mentorship program. Based on input from Leaders and Soldiers, we have determined there is not one model which fits every command or location, however implementing rider "best practices" will make a difference.

We have a number of innovative programs developed and operating, from larger programs to one-on-one mentoring programs at the unit level, which team experienced riders with new riders. In some cases unit programs serve as individual rider mentoring with a collective level of mentoring occurring during monthly or quarterly group rides depending on location. I continue to be pleased by the number of leaders who recognize and embrace this concept and remain engaged making a difference with our riders.

The bottom line is motorcycles are gaining popularity across our Country and our Army, from junior Soldiers to Generals. We have asked for your feedback through focus groups and the consistent message is give us freedom to ride safely and continue the mentorship concept, as a team we can take our programs to the next step. Please take a look at the USACR/Safety Center Motorcycle Mentorship Program web page at <http://safety.army.mil/mmp> for best practices.

Motorcycle mentorship is one way Leaders can stay engaged, it provides a direct link to the riding population in our formation, and truly makes a difference. Although motorcycles are inherently dangerous to ride, with proper training, decision making, PPE, and mentoring, our soldiers can enjoy a safe riding experience and remain Army Strong!

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BG William T. Wolf
Director of Army Safety

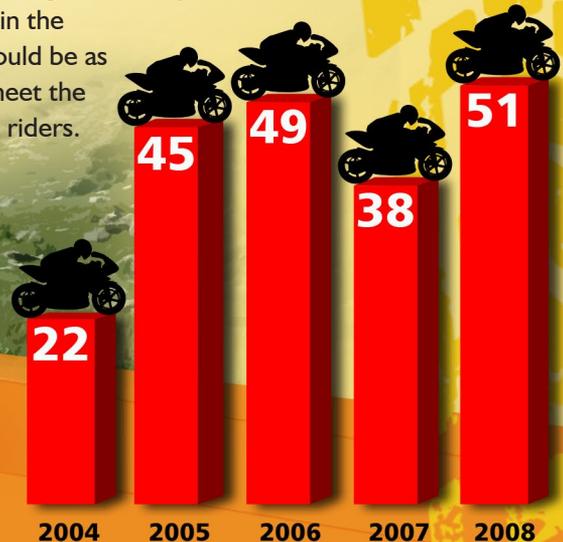
BACKGROUND.

Army motorcycle mishaps are on the rise. Motorcycle mishaps resulted in 203 Soldier fatalities from FY04 through FY08. Collected accident data revealed that over half of motorcycle fatalities were the result of single vehicle accidents that involved riders exercising poor risk decisions and judgment. Historically, riders between the ages of 18 and 25 years are the Army's "at risk" population. However, over the last two fiscal years, we've seen an increase in the at risk age group which has climbed into the 30 to 35 year old range, with 71% of Soldier fatalities over the age of 25 and 65% involving E5's and above.

MENTORSHIP CONCEPT.

Successful mishap reduction requires the support of commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, motorists and the military and civilian communities at large. It is only through their collective involvement that mishap reduction can occur. The establishment of Motorcycle Mentorship Programs on our installations or at unit levels is one of the ways Leaders can engage riders and combat the rise in motorcycle mishaps.

The Motorcycle Mentorship Program concept has been embraced at all levels in the Army. The program can and should be as diverse as the Army itself and meet the needs of local commanders and riders.



MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES

MORE THAN ONE APPROACH.

Motorcycle Mentorship can be set-up in various ways.

A few examples:

- Unit Level one-on-one mentorship
- Unit level riding groups
- Private Organization (PO)
- Combination Unit program & Private

Organization at the Installation level

- Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI)

Check out the USACR/Safety Center's MMP website for some examples of active mentoring programs at <https://safety.army.mil/mmp/>



POSSIBLE SUPPORTING ROLES.

IMCOM & Army Commands

- Support Private Organization program requirements (IAW AR 210-22)
- Supplement policy as required
- Evaluate motorcycle safety program management

The purpose of the Motorcycle Mentorship Program is to establish voluntary unit or installation level motorcycle riding organizations where less experienced riders and seasoned riders can create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and enjoyment.

Such environments create positive conduct and behavior and serve as a force multiplier that supports a commander's motorcycle accident prevention program.

With the increasing number of Soldiers riding motorcycle, the Army has seen a dramatic increase in the number of motorcycle accidents and fatalities. We lost



more Soldiers on motorcycles in FY08 than any previous year going back to 1986 and the Army more than doubled motorcycle fatalities from 22 in FY04 to 51 in FY08.

Installation Commanders

- Support and promote Motorcycle Mentorship Programs
- Evaluate established group(s) to determine their positive or negative contributions

Unit Commanders

- Support and promote unit level Motorcycle Mentorship Programs
- Encourage program activities to reinforce positive training, mentorship and riding
- Identify when group(s) are making both positive and negative contributions



- Support organized group activities like motorcycle rallies and unit level rides

Safety Office

- Encourage motorcycle groups(s) to participate in traffic safety programs by being a conduit for positive education, mentorship, publicity, and awareness for the riding community
- Communicate with group leadership on local risk areas and concerns

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- Actively support Motorcycle Mentorship Programs and provide information on requirements to establish Private Organizations (IAW AR 210-22)
- Assist in increasing awareness of voluntary motorcycle programs

Potential Community Enablers

- Local/state law enforcement
- Local motorcycle dealers and clubs
- Local media

Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)

- Subject matter expertise
- Source for training and support materials





POSSIBLE ROLES FOR MENTORING ORGANIZATIONS AND RIDERS.

Motorcycle Mentorship Organizations serve as force multipliers for motorcycle mishap reduction efforts.

For example:

- Act as a forum for education, awareness and seasonal campaigns.
- Promote environment that fosters responsible riding and enjoyment.
- Educate riders on Composite Risk Management (CRM) with focus on safe motorcycle riding.
- Conduct mentorship training seminars.
- Conduct motorcycle buyer's clinics and maintenance seminars.
- Host group rides and rallies.



Motorcycle Riders

- Comply with AR 385-10, installation, local, state, Army and host nation requirements.
- Support unit motorcycle safety efforts
- Encourage participation in local mentoring organizations.
- May hold leadership positions within the mentoring organization.
- Foster a mentoring atmosphere emphasizing skilled, responsible, and positive riding experiences.



For additional information on the Motorcycle Mentorship Program
contact the following in the USACR/Safety Center Driving Task Force :

334-255-3039 334-255-2892

For additional information on Motorcycle Safety contact the military
liaison for the **Motorcycle Safety Foundation** at **949-727-3227**.

<http://www.msf-usa.org/>



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