



MCIWEST-MCB CAMP PENDLETON 2016 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER NEWSLETTER



WEEK 5 – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

NOTHING GOOD HAPPENS AFTER THIS



All too often this is the scene we see on the highway and roads of our local cities. Nothing good happens after this scene occurs; lane sharing or traveling the open road at a high rate of speed the results usually end the same. **“Just the facts please”**, in fiscal year 2016 so far the Marine Corps has lost 6 Marines. This is 6 Marines too many. Here’s the results of “after this” motorcyclist lost control and collides into a fence the result is a fatality; motorcyclist collided with a vehicle, motorcyclist passed away. But keep in mind traveling at blinding speeds is not always the underlining factor; it’s also the condition and experience. Curving on a motorcycle is a good example. Curving a motorcycle is one of the leading causes of motorcycle accidents.

Taking the curve too fast for conditions or too slow because of the uncertainty is a result of lack of experience riding, too much bike for the rider or lack of training. All three spell trouble.

But let’s keep in mind the motorcyclist is not always at fault which is why the rider must be vigilant when riding. To all the car and truck driving’s **“look twice for bikes”**.

Look at California

Nationwide motorcycle fatalities were up 10% from 2014 to 2015. However, Governors Highway Safety Association estimated a 7% decrease during the same time for California. This decrease is largely contributed to the change of California’s motorcycle curriculum and a comprehensive management program implemented by the State.

As a result the Marine Corps has adopted some of the same curriculums.

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WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

1. Proper Training



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What makes a beginner a good rider? What makes a good rider better? What makes a better rider confident? It's Training, Training and more Training, – a continual learning program. The traffic department of the Camp Pendleton Base Safety Center has developed a program and assembled Southern California's best instructors (men and women) to train all levels of motorcycle riders, from novice to beginner to experienced riders. It is a comprehensive training program at no cost to the Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines.

Personal Protective Equipment



THIS PPE

NOT THIS PPE



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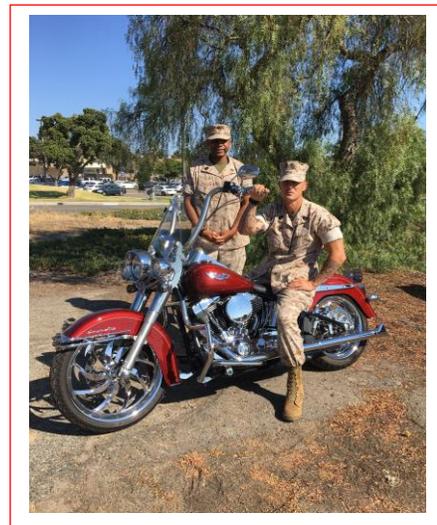
3. Proper Management

Marine Corps Order 5100.19F DRIVESAFE outlines the process and procedures for maintaining an excellent motorcycle program on and off road. The order explains every level of training needed; given the experience of the rider and licenses he or she possess if any. Proper management starts with ensuring every rider gets the proper training at every level from permit to permanent motorcycle license. In doing so check that each rider is attending all required courses at the appropriate time. The mentorship program assists in accomplishing such tasks.

The mentorship program

Per the order, All (battalion/squadron level and above) commands shall establish motorcycle mentor programs that structured a club type organization. The purpose of the motorcycle club is to identify and mentor inexperience riders, foster respectful riding practices, and ensure continuing education opportunities are available for all Marine Corps riders throughout their riding career. It follows our philosophy no man or women left behind.

(L to R) MSgt's Robert Rankin and Jason Frick are experienced riders and mentors aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.



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Picture of the Week



I GOT TWENTY DOLLARS FOR YOUR MOTORBIKE,
IS THAT GOOD?

- Traffic Safety – 763-5070
- Recreations Safety – 763-5332
- Safety Training – 763-7326
- Ergonomics – 763-0254
- Radiation Safety – 763-0254
- Mishaps – 763-5334
- Asbestos/Lead – 763-5324
- Respiratory Protection, 763-2366
- Confined Space – 763-2366
- Tactical Safety – 763-5332
- Bloodborne Safety – 763-0255
- Explosive Safety – 763-4817
- HAZMAT – 763-2364
- First Aid/CPR – 763-2364

Motorcycle Training

Dirt Bike School

Basic Riders Course

Lee Parks Total Control

Advance Riders Course

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