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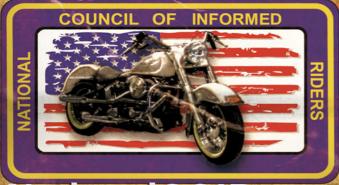
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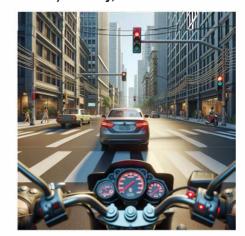
WE CAN ALWAYS IMPROVE OUR SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

For many of us, riding season is still a bit away. Besides the anticipation of rolling along the byways once again, there are things we should start considering now before we swing our leg over that bike and cruise away.

When the weather turns nice and especially on weekends, we unfortunately see a high spike in motorcycle crashes and fatalities. This can be due to several factors we in the riding community should be mindful of. For one, riding gear should be inspected to see that it is in proper condition. Also, the bike needs a good lookover to ensure all components are working as they should be (remember your TCLOCKS). Finally, we need to

check ourselves; for many, it may have been months since we last rode and our motor skills are not at the same level as when we parked our ride for the winter (for some, they may not have been adequate in the first place – that's always a tough one to conquer).

Over the years I have reminded riders that drivers do not pay much attention to us (this is an issue we know all too well), and lately my thoughts on this have expanded. It seems it does not matter what time of year it is; drivers do not recognize us, period. There are several reasons for this, a major one being the prevalence of distracted driving followed by drivers not educated to become aware of us, our profile on the road is extremely small compared to other vehicles and/or objects and the list goes on. So, the burden of creating a safe road environment



between riders and drivers falls on us; do not rely on them for your safety and wellbeing.

FOR 2025, WE ALL SHOULD REVIEW WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO S.T.O.P. CRASHES.

Strategize: To start with, we need a strategy to become more proficient riders and make sure our approach to every ride is conducted in a safe manner. We are responsible for our own safety and should ride accordingly.

Train: Unvarnished experience is no replacement for proper safety knowledge. The dismissive attitude that one cannot or should not refine existing safety skills or learn new ones, often expressed with the phrase "I already know how to ride," is one of the biggest enemies plaguing the community. EGO may be the greatest contributor to unforeseen conditions and crashes. There is really no limitation to what one can learn and do to become safer. Riding programs will almost certainly improve our motor skills and help us identify any bad habits we may have developed over the year or have been riding with too long.

Observe: We must possess keen situational awareness and work to develop it with each ride. Strengthening this observational ability helps us better analyze traffic and road conditions, traffic controls (e.g., signs, lights), weather, traction, the state of our motorcycles, and escape paths, should they be necessary. There is a ton of information to keep in mind to vastly improve our safety. Not doing so can cause outcomes that certainly are not favorable for us. We need to live in the world of "What If?".

Practice: We should incorporate every aspect of the points above and practice them faithfully. Failure to practice these skills, especially avoidance skills such as swerving or quick braking along with the mental processing approach, will result in complacency and the return of dangerous habits. Keep in mind regularly that just riding does not offer the practice/enhancement of our skills to keep us safe. Regular riding can certainly help us increase our process of situational awareness, but if our skills are not at a level to help prevent a situation; what good is the increased awareness then?

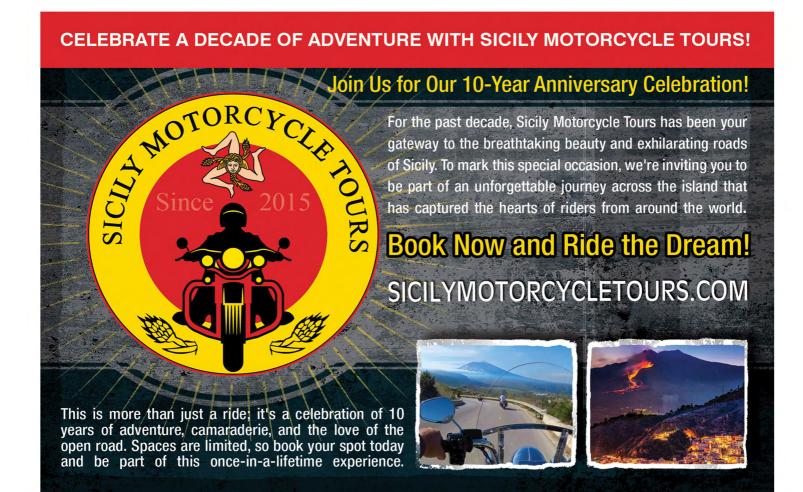
Don't forget: Motorcycling is fun! Taking the steps to become more skillful and thoughtful will only boost the thrill we get from riding. It's hard to think that riding can be more fun than we already have familiarity with, but doing it with an educated, skilled approach can certainly lift up that experience.

While I get that there's always a possibility the "other guys" initiate a hazardous situation through no fault of our own, I also understand that all too often the problems are caused by things we may or may not have done at the time. Proper safety education is never a bad thing for us, and maintaining a self-program to become a safer, better skilled rider is not a bad thing nor does it have any downsides to doing so.

The 2025 riding season will be here upon us soon; fill your riding experience with great memories and take the time to keep yourself safe and S.T.O.P. those unwanted crashes from happening.

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6 EPIC-ADVENTURES - ONE DAY-AT-A-TIME=

At Meeting Of The Minds (MOTM) in 2023, I met a guy. Over a few beers and smokes, we talked quite a bit about motorcycle rights, and everything involved in what we all do. It was a really great conference, and I often write about the camaraderie at these events. And I cannot express that enough, we are a huge nationwide family, with tears at our goodbye hugs.

A few short weeks later, I was watching the guy's podcast on social media when his co-host/wife made a remark that he doesn't drink or smoke. I sat there thinking, but he does.... I kept to myself about it until the following Sturgis rally when I asked him about it. He told me that he quit right after MOTM. I gave him my support and appreciation. But, about that same time period, my work buddy had just celebrated his 2-year sobriety. I didn't know the circumstances until his social media post and how proud he was of himself. I recalled the past 2 years of me heckling him about not being fun anymore. I realized I'm an ignorant jerk.

I find that we, as a society, have lost so much compassion and understanding and we have replaced it with a lack of support for those who we say mean so much to us. Yeah, I'm a jerk because I didn't support my friends when they're doing what's best for themselves. I'm the one who's always pushing people to do just that, "Disregard everybody else and do what you need to do to find your own happiness." When did that become selective in my own mind? When did I start disrespecting my loved ones? Maybe I've always been a jerk, and nobody called me out on it. Is it just human nature that we don't see our own faults? I'll tell you what, the President of the MRF, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, is sober, and I can't help but think about how many people probably heckled the crap out of him at the time. I call it camaraderie and family, but is it really if we're not being supportive of each other?

Another buddy of mine recently announced his goal to be sober and I gave him all the positive support I could, and I'll stand by him no matter what. I'm not too old to change and I'm going to continue to try to be a better person. Chelsea Ols, founder of RideXSober was a guest on a podcast I watched. I made the comment, "Can we normalize sobriety?" A better question I have is, "Can we normalize being more supportive and understanding with those we claim to care about?"



In the world of biker's rights we asked for, want and need support. Let's put a little more work into doing that for our friends and family in the other aspects of our lives.

Live your epic adventures in your own way, one day at a time, and cheer on your loved ones in the way they choose. Ride on!



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A GUIDE FOR THE MOTORCYCLE CLUB RIDING COMMUNITY

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Introduction

The right to access public records, especially police body camera footage, plays a crucial role in ensuring transparency and accountability in law enforcement. For motorcycle clubs and the riding community, body cam footage can be invaluable in cases where riders are involved in police encounters that may require later review, whether for protection of rights, legal recourse, or understanding interactions with law enforcement. This paper outlines the legal landscape of public records law, steps for requesting body cam footage, and what to do if requests are denied, including how to proceed with a lawsuit.

1. Public Records Law Overview

a. Freedom of Information Acts (FOIA) and State-Level Variations

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) at the federal level, and similar acts in each state, provide citizens the right to access certain government records. However, police body camera footage, specifically, is subject to state-level public records laws, which vary considerably:

- Some states consider body cam footage to be public record and available for release upon request.
- Other states may classify such footage as confidential, particularly if it's related to active investigations or involves sensitive content.

b. Body Cam Footage as Public Record

Body cam footage is often classified under "law enforcement records," which may require justification to access. In some cases, police departments argue against disclosure, citing concerns like:

- Privacy of individuals involved.
- Ongoing investigations.
- Security or operational details that could compromise future police work.

2. Requesting Body Cam Footage

a. Step-by-Step Process

1. **Identify the Custodian of Records**: Each law enforcement agency has a designated records custodian responsible for handling public records requests.

2. Drafting a Clear Request:

- **Be Specific:** Include dates, times, locations, and incident details.
- State the Purpose (if required): While some states do not require a purpose, others may need you to specify that the footage is in the public interest.

3. Submitting the Request:

- **Check Submission Requirements:** Some departments require online submissions, while others accept mail or in-person requests.
- o **Follow Up:** If no response is received within the state-mandated time (often around 10-30 days), a follow-up is advisable.

b. Possible Grounds for Denial

Police departments may deny requests for body cam footage under specific exemptions, including:

- **Privacy**: To protect the privacy of individuals shown.
- **Investigatory Exemption**: If the footage is part of an active investigation.
- Law Enforcement Purposes: If release could interfere with law enforcement activities.

3. Filing an Appeal or Lawsuit

a. Understanding Your Rights Under State Law

If a department denies a request, most states allow for an administrative appeal before proceeding to court. An appeal is often less costly and may resolve the issue without litigation. Consult statespecific guidelines, as appeals procedures and timelines vary.

b. Steps to File a Lawsuit

- 1. **Consult with Legal Counsel**: A lawyer with expertise in public records law can assist in understanding the best course of action and filing a lawsuit, if necessary.
- 2. **File in the Appropriate Court**: Public records cases are generally filed in state court.

3. Prepare Legal Arguments:

- **Emphasize the Public Interest**: Courts may be swayed by arguments demonstrating that release serves the public good, especially for transparency in law enforcement.
- **Challenge Exemptions:** Argue against any exemptions cited by the police department, referencing state law provisions.
- 4. Request Expedited Processing: Public records cases, especially those involving potential law enforcement misconduct, can be eligible for expedited review.

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If successful, the court may order the department to release the footage and, in some cases, award attorney's fees and court costs. This can vary depending on the state's statutory framework for public records disputes.

4. Specific Considerations for the Motorcycle Club Riding Community

a. Demonstrating Community Interest

Motorcycle clubs, particularly when involved in interactions with law enforcement, may argue that body cam footage serves a clear public interest by ensuring the rights of riders are protected and that police conduct remains transparent. Evidence of systemic issues or repeated incidents involving motorcycle clubs can further support these arguments.

b. Supporting Advocacy and Rights Awareness

Body cam footage can be a critical tool for advocacy. Motorcycle clubs may wish to partner with legal experts or advocacy groups to bring attention to patterns of discrimination or over-policing, using footage to build a broader understanding and trust with law enforcement.

5. Conclusion

For the motorcycle riding community, accessing police body cam footage can safeguard rights, increase transparency, and build public trust. While the process of requesting such records can be complex, understanding state-specific public records laws and being prepared to pursue legal action are vital steps. By navigating these legal avenues, riders and their advocates can uphold accountability and protect their communities from potential misconduct.

Key Takeaways

- Understand the Law: Each state has unique laws regarding public access to body cam footage.
- Follow Process: Submit clear and specific requests, and be ready to appeal or litigate if denied.
- Seek Legal Support: Consulting an attorney with public records expertise can be invaluable in complex cases.
- Stay Informed and Organized: Building a body of knowledge about public records processes strengthens advocacy efforts.

EXAMPLE OF REQUEST FORM

Police Body Camera Footage Request Form for Motorcycle Clubs

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Part VI: Submission Instructions

- Submit to: (Contact details of local/state law enforcement agency's records custodian)
- Method of Submission: (Specify if online portal, mail, fax, or email)



2025 NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE PROFILING SURVEY

The 2025 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey has only 5 questions that are designed to help define the profiling trends so we can focus our resources on the areas that need it the most. Your participation will have a long-lasting, positive impact on the community. This survey on average will take 1 minute to complete.

The information collected in these surveys has been an essential part of lobbying efforts at both state and national levels, and without a doubt provides critical data points for the grassroots activist to intelligently communicate issues impacting the motorcycle community and influence change.

With over 84,000 survey participants of past survey efforts, from all walks of life, the National Motorcycle Profiling Survey has a 99% accuracy and has proven that many motorcyclists are being targeted by law enforcement based on appearance. This information has been the foundation for many legislative efforts to include Louisiana's most recent legislative victory in getting an Anti-Motorcycle Profiling bill passed.

Notes:

**NO PERSONAL DATA IS REQUIRED. YOUR PRIVACY AND ANONYMITY ARE IMPORTANT AND RESPECTED. By asking for no more than your zip code, which is also voluntary, there is no personal information to maintain or protect.

TAKE THE 2025 PROFILING SURVEY!

**If you or your organization are interested in cosponsoring this survey, or would like to get survey results specific to your state, please contact David "Double D" Devereaux at: doubled@motorcycleprofilingproject.com

What do the Motorcycle Profiling Project's services cost? The Motorcycle Profiling Project offers all of its services to the motorcycling community FREE of charge. If an individual or organization sees value in the project then contributions are highly appreciated. The project relies on these contributions as the sole means of covering expenses and compensation for work performed. The more support the project receives, the more support the project can provide the motorcycling community.

As the movement to pass profiling laws accelerates, so has the time demands and workload. A project of this magnitude entails office expenses, travel, and time. So if you think the project is valuable, organize a benefit and make a contribution.

Contributions go directly to the The Motorcycle Profiling Project. Contributions are NOT Tax deductible. Online contributions can be made at mpp0.wpenginepowered.com or The Motorcycle Profiling Project on Facebook.

TRAFFIC STOP-101

The most common form of police-initiated interaction with the general public is a traffic stop. This is no different for motorcyclists and is especially true for anyone who wears Motorcycle Club colors or related paraphernalia. The following is a quick "how-to" to minimize the repercussions that arise when dealing with the police on the side of the road.

I would like to start by stating that I am not an attorney, nor am I offering legal advice. The following is simply guidance that I follow and recommend to others who ask.

First thing to remember is to remain calm. The last thing you want to deal with is a jumpy cop who already is on edge. Remaining calm encompasses a couple things. Keep your hands on the handlebars, do not make sudden (furtive) move-ments, and do not fight the police. The side of the road is not the place to argue a traffic ticket.

Next thing you want to do is make sure you are recording the traffic stop. This provides evidence and documentation that you do not have to worry about being lost, redacted, or otherwise altered. A recording does not forget details, does not forget court dates, and is considered an impeccable witness.

Many police will "request" you stop recording for their "safety". They will often cite "privacy laws" or wiretap statutes. These claims almost always fall short under judicial review. While the Supreme Court has not specifically ruled on any police recording cases, each U.S. Federal Court that has taken up such has stated that a public official (police officer) per-forming public duties with public funds in public, has no expectation of privacy. The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals went as far to say that recording police is a constitutional right

Next up is documentation. We advise all motorcyclists to keep all their paperwork, driver's license, registration, and insurance, in one central location, such as a dedicated pocket, or small document holder. This will prevent the police from performing any additional, and potentially illegal, searches of your motorcycle or personal belongings. The documentary Ride Free or Die by Randall Wilson showcases an example of what police can, and will, do while on a traffic stop. Keeping everything together decreases the chances of any further problems arising.

Finally, **REMAIN SILENT!** The Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution unfortunately gets a bad rap these days. The Fifth simply states: "No person... shall be compelled in any criminal (or traffic) case to be a witness against himself." **Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson wrote:**

"(A)ny lawyer worth his salt will tell the suspect in no uncertain terms to make no statements to the police under any circumstances"

Being an Irish Catholic, (and for those who know me), this is the hardest piece of advice for me to follow. You will almost never explain your way out of a traffic ticket, and most likely can and will walk yourself into deeper trouble. Any and all statements made to the police can and will be used against you in a court of law. The only response to any police question should be "Officer, I exercise my right to remain silent."

While this is not a "end all be all" guide for handling all traffic stops and police interactions, it is at least a quick, brief overview of a few things that can be done to help keep you out of trouble and on two wheels!!!!

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TOP MOTORCYCLE EVENTS FOR 2025

MAMA TRIED MOTORCYCLE SHOW

COLORADO MOTORCYCLE EXPO

Sat, Feb 01 - Sun, Feb 02, 2025 - Denver, CO

More than 20,000 square feet of used motorcycle parts for sale, close to 300,000 square feet of total space. 100+ custom and antique bikes competing for prizes in up to 20 classes, including the 3rd annual inclusion of the Iron Goddess Female Builder competition.

AIM EXPO

Wed, Feb 05 - Fri, Feb 07, 2025 - Las Vegas, NV

The purpose of AIMExpo is to serve as the catalyst to bring together industry, press, dealers and consumers in a single arena that creates a grand stage for motorcycling and powersports in the U.S. and North America, and delivers an efficient and energetic market-timed expo platform for B2B and B2C in the greater powersports industry.

THUNDER BY THE BAY MUSIC & MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL

Fri, Feb 14 - Sun, Feb 16, 2025, Sarasota, FL

Thunder by the Bay is a three-day event to benefit Suncoast Charities for Children.

The Festival features continuous live music, over 100 vendors, freestyle motocross, charity motorcycle rides, bike shows, a motorcycle "sound off" competition, biker games, and much more! On-site camping is also available.

2025 Headliner Bands: Blue Oyster Cult, Grand Funk Railroad, Creed Fisher, and lots of other great bands

INDIANA MOTORCYCLE & POWERSPORTS EXPO

Fri, Feb 14 - Sun, Feb 16, 2025, Indianapolis, IN

A Giant Motorcycle & Powersports Expo bringing together enthusiasts, manufacturers, major dealers and bike-related exhibitors from across the country showcasing the very latest motorcycles and a full array of related motorcycle lifestyle products and services.

THE LAKE HAVASU ROCKABILLY REUNION

Fri, Feb 14 - Sun, Feb 16, 2025, Lake Havasu City, AZ

A The largest Rockabilly Music Festival, Car & Motorcycle Show in Arizona! 19 Bands and over 600 Vehicles on display. There is also a Pin-Up Contest, Vendors, Stunt Show and More!

MOTORAMA RACES AND SHOW

Sat, Feb 15 - Sun, Feb 16, 2025, Harrisburg, PA

The Nation's Largest ALL Indoor Motorsports Event. There is something for everyone at Motorama including 2 Wheel Action, 4 Wheel Action, Quarter Midgets, Karts, Robot Fighting, R/C Off-Road and Lots More. Featuring 1 Million Sq Feet Of Exhibit Space at the Farm Show Complex.

Sat, Feb 22 - Sun, Feb 23, 2025, Milwaukee, WI

Mama Tried Motorcycle Show is an indoor invitational that connects motorcycles and builders to fans and riders alike. Keeping the fire stoked all winter long. The Show features over 100 motorcycles from builders of all calibers—flat-tracker, hill climber, chopper, and bar hopper. Plus, tons of vendors for you to browse and shop!

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DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

Fri, Feb 28 - Sun, Mar 09, 2025, Daytona Beach, FL

Happening throughout Daytona Beach, from the ocean to the world Famous Daytona Speedway and beyond, the Daytona Bike Week Motorcycle Rally is one of the biggest motorcycle events in the country with over 500,000 motorcycles rolling into Daytona in the spring for Bike Week.

There is something for everyone including, old school biker parties, motorcycle races, concerts, bike games, people games, tons of vendors and lots more.

(Not Recommended for Kids with exception of the Race Track)

I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO-RAMA

Fri, Mar 28 - Sun, Mar 30, 2025, Cleveland, OH

2025 Summit Racing Equipment I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama will celebrate its 58th year in Cleveland showcasing anything and everything with a piston.

This is the largest indoor showcase of custom cars, trucks, antique construction equipment, motorcycles, tractors, planes, military equipment and more of its kind in the world. Featuring 1,000 vehicles, lots of vendors, swap meet tables and toy modeler tables. From the moment attendees walk into the show they'll be amazed to see more than one million square feet of piston powered vehicles.

DONNIE SMITH BIKE SHOW

Sat, Mar 29 - Sun, Mar 30, 2025, St Paul, MN

Enthusiasts from all over the country will be at the Donnie Smith Bike Show, presented by Dennis Kirk, for the Largest Custom Bike Show in the Midwest. Additionally, there is a Swap Meet as well as Vendors of all types.

ARIZONA BIKE WEEK 2025

Wed, April 02 - Sun, April 06, 2025, Scottsdale, AZ

Whether you're a first time attendee or long-time veteran, Arizona Bike Week 2025 promises to deliver a rally like you've never seen before. ABW is a growing event and each year brings more parties, activities and attractions to the Phoenix & Scottsdale area than the year before. If you enjoy carving out your own path, Arizona's amazing spring weather and scenic desert and mountain roads make for some of the best riding in the country.

(Family Friendly Event) - (Kids not recommended at night time)



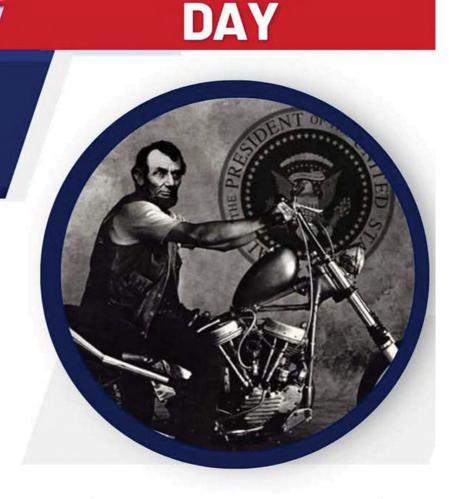


WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 2025

ARRIVE AT FLOYD'S THIRST PARLOR FROM 8-9:30AM

ENTER THE STATE
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TO SPEAK WITH
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1. Dress in Layers

Wear insulated and windproof layers to keep warm.
 Heated gear like gloves and vests can be very helpful.

2. Check Your Tires

Ensure your tires have good tread and are properly inflated.
 Cold weather can reduce tire pressure, affecting traction.

3. Be Aware of Road Conditions

Watch out for ice, snow, and salt on the roads.
 Even if the weather seems clear, shaded areas can still have hidden ice.

4. Maintain Your Motorcycle

 Regularly check your battery, brakes, and lights. <u>Cold weather can affect your bike's</u> performance, so make sure everything is in good working order.

5. Adjust Your Riding Style

Ride slower and increase your following distance. <u>Cold weather can reduce traction, so it's important to be cautious</u>.

6. Stay Visible

 Wear bright or reflective clothing and keep your headlights on to ensure other drivers can see you.

7. Plan Your Route

- Choose routes that are well-maintained and less likely to have ice or snow.
- Avoid riding in extreme weather conditions if possible.

8. Keep Warm

Take breaks to warm up if you're on a long ride. <u>Hypothermia can set in quickly, so it's important to stay warm.</u>

9. Use Anti-Fog Solutions

Apply anti-fog treatments to your visor and glasses to maintain clear visibility.

10. Know Your Limits

If the weather is too harsh, it's okay to skip the ride. <u>Safety should always come first</u>.

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2025 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles {AV}:

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between AVs
- and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation
- System {ITS}.
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.
- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.
- Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology {V2X}.

Crash Avoidance:

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration {NHTSA} and the U.S. Department of Transportation {DOT} to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

Data Recording:

Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Definition of a Motorcycle:

Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

Emission Regulations:

- Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT or similar legislation.
- Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endangers the future of motorcycling.

Helmet Laws:

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity requirements. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

Internal Combustion Engines:

Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens combustion engine production.



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Profiling:

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motor-cyclists profiling. Seek opportunities to include legislative language that:

- Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists. Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.
- Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.
- Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.
- Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

Renewable Fuels:

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing, blender pumps) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

Right to Repair/Modify:

Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products.

- Promote access to parts, tools, diagnostic equipment and other technology that allows the consumer or their chosen designee the ability to repair and modify motorcycles.
- Advocate for the availability of reproduction parts by third party vendors, ensuring consumer choice in the selection of products.
- Monitor California Air Resource Board policies on part approval process and transparency.

Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

2025 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Gang, Club and Other Language:

Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, associate or any derogatory term when referring to motorcyclists.

Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting:

Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering. Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

- Promote Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding. (Renewed Every 5 years)
- Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.
- Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.
- Reestablish the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA. (Renewed Every 5 years)
- Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.
- Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.
- Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.

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- Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.
- Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles.
- Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.
- Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.
- All high priority issues and emerging technologies

Taxes:

Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

2025 MONITOR ITEMS

Distracted Driving:

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

EV Incentives:

Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.

Exhaust Systems:

Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

International Partnerships:

Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, Canada, India, China and other relevant global markets informing the membership of key developments.

National Studies:

Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

Opponents:

Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

Sound Testing:

- Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressedby individual states).
- Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement.

Tariffs:

Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

Tolling:

- Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.
- Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.
- Ensure that tolling technology is safe for use by motorcyclists.

VISIT THE MRF CALLS TO ACTION PAGE FOR RESPONSES AND REACTIONS TO ACTIVITY BY THE 119TH CONGRESS OF 2025 - 2026







LEGISLATIVE DAY



Our mission is to rebuild the lives of our nation's servicemen and women that were cata strophically injured in the line of duty protecting our great nation. We know we cannot replace what they have lost but we are here to enrich their lives through custom, adaptive, showroom-quality motorcycles.

We understand that most of these catastrophically injured veterans cannot walk into a dealer ship, let alone operate a standard motorcycle. We eliminate these barriers and build an adaptive, custom, FREE motorcycle that is showroom ready that they can enjoy for many years. This catapults them into a support group like no other-the biker community! After a veteran receives one of our motorcycles we see them engaging with their community like

they have never done before. This provides them an opportunity to connect and create new support networks and life long friendships.

OUR ROOTS

In 2013, two long time friends and riders with Run for the Wall wanted to find a way to recognize our severely wounded combat Veterans and give them the freedom of riding that many of us take for granted. These friends, John "Hardcharger" Barker and Ray "Too Tall" McDowell, came up with a way to say thanks to those Veterans and formed Combat Hero Bike Build (CHBB).

In 2014 CHBB awarded its first bike to Charlie Linville, a Marine from Idaho. Since 2014 Combat Hero Bike Build has gone on to build a total of 38 motorcycles/trikes for well deserving Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam Veterans.

Combat Hero Bike Build is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to serve our severely wounded combat veterans. It is a program designed by warriors, for warriors, to give our wounded heroes the freedoms they once enjoyed.

The motorcycle is long associated with freedom and adventure. Many ride for the sense of freedom, many for the sense of adventure, or a chance to be free from the day to day stress of life or all of the above. We are all born free and the motorcycle gives us that sense of never ending freedom; no boundaries, going where we want, when we want. Many of our wounded are experienced "bikers" but now have injuries that limit their ability to be free.

Building, rebuilding, or modifying existing bikes, can help get them back mentally to where they need and want to be.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 5, 2025 - Jordan Maynard will receive a custom built motorcycle at American Legion Post 34 in Cave Creek, AZ. Jordan's motorcycle is being built by RamJet Racing. More details to follow.

April 10 - 12, 2025 - Last Ride, Inc will present Michael Frazier, USMC, with a custom built and adapted motorcycle at the Nam Knights MC Appalachian Chapter 27th Anniversary Party. The presentation will take place at Copperhill Brewstillery, 307 Main Street, Ducktown, TN on April 12th. Michael's motorcycle was donated by Doug Kuenzle and is being built by Kyle Doerfler at Doerfler's Moto Supply, Hays, KS. The host hotel is the Mallard Hotel in Ducktown. Nam Knights will be providing a shuttle to and from Copperhill Brewstillery. More details to follow.

May 17, 2025 - Harleys for Heroes. Vet Fest Lake County will present a motorcycle to Alejo Amaris, US Army Retired at Gator Harley-Davidson, Leesburg, FL. Alejo's bike was donated by Janett Martinez in memory of her husband, Tim, who died of Agent Orange exposure. The bike is being built by Scooter's Performance in Sorrento, FL. More details to follow.

July 26, 2025 - 4th Annual Riders on the Plains Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit Combat Hero Bike Build. Bobby Henline will receive a custom built motorcycle at May Farms, Byers, CO. Bobby's bike was donated by Mike & Karen White and is being built by Billy Hallman at Outcast Cycles in La Junta, CO.

In addition to the Poker Run & bike presentation, CHBB will hold it's first ever CHBB Recipient Rally & Bike Display with a number of past recipients attending. More details to follow.

August 16, 2025 - Keith Sekora, US Army/USAF Retired, will receive a custom built motorcycle at Thunderstruck Custom Bikes 29th Annual Xtreme Bike & Car Show. More details to follow.

Motorcyle Drivers Involved in Fatal Traffic Crashes in 2022

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Total Drivers	Number	Percentage of Total
6,349	1,808	28%



MRF and SMRO Training / Seminar Calendar

State	Seminar / Event	Dates
Ohio	ABATE of Ohio State Seminar	January 31- February 1, 2025
Wisconsin	ABATE of Wisconsin Officer Training	February 7-9, 2025
Alabama	Dixie ABATE - Legislative Day	February 19, 2025
Oklahoma	Motorcyclist's Legislative Day	March 4, 2025
Oklahoma	SMILE (State Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness)	March 14-16, 2025
Multiple	Heartland STEAM (Seminar To Educate And Motivate)	April 4-5, 2025
Louisiana	Regular Legislative Session Convenes	April 14, 2025
Minnesota	ABATE of Minnesota - ABATE University	April 25-27, 2025
Idaho	Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety Annual Motorcycle Awareness Rally - Ride to Idaho State Capitol	May 3, 2025
Illinois	ABATE of Illinois Freedom Rally	May 4, 2025
Oregon	ABATE/Bikepac of Oregon Rally on the Capitol	May 5, 2025
NCOM	Spring Meeting	May 9-11, 2025
MRF	Bikers Inside the Beltway	May 20, 2025
Idaho	Annual Fun Valley Biker Rally	July 11-13, 2025
South Dakota	Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame Induction	August 6, 2025
South Dakota	Whitewood Social	August 7, 2025
MRF	Meeting of the Minds	September 24-28, 2025
Kansas	ABATE of Kansas National Labor Day Rally	August 30 - September 2, 2025
Wisconsin	ABATE of Wisconsin Annual Meeting	October 10-12, 2025
Iowa	ABATE of Iowa STEAM (Seminar To Educate And Motivate)	November 8-9, 2025





HELMET LAWS BY STATE (CLICK TO VIEW)

In the last twenty years or so, we have seen a boom in membership of Christian patches. At first, and sometimes still, there was a lot of divisions between Christians in the biker world. Then Christian Unity groups started all over the country. It provides and opportunity for Christian patch holders and independents to work together to serve in the biker community. It should come natural for Christians, but we are still human and banding together with others who may not see everything the same way we do, just doesn't happen on its own. It takes work. It takes a little "counter steering."

A lot of things about riding a bike do not seem natural and counter steering is one of those things. At anything other than parking lot speeds, you can turn by steering in the opposite direction. If I want to go right, I push the handlebars slightly to the left and it leans the bike into a right turn. Look at the pictures of motorcycles going around curves on the racetrack and you will see some major counter steering.

The fact that we get "wind therapy" and reduce stress by riding is full of opposites. It uses what is called "counter stress" to relieve stress. Riding creates stresses that require full attention if you are going to ride safely: watching all the other traffic around you, vehicles turning left, vehicles coming up to intersections, drivers changing or drifting into your lane, paying attention to what you are doing, staying out of blind spots, maintaining speed and torque. All these things are actually stressful, but you feel as though you had a stress relief because it keeps you from focusing on the things that are stressing you in your life. It is a kind of counter steering... but it is just natural on a bike.

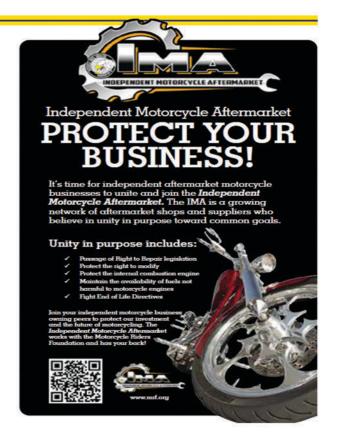
As Christians we need to be different than the world to be effective. Just blending in, will not make us effective. Our "natural" is different as Christians. What I was unable to control, such as my tongue, in my flesh, my relationship with Christ has enabled me to do. Even though it is the opposite of what is natural for the world. What are some counter steering things that Christians do? We forgive people whether they apologize or not. We treat people good who treat us badly. We love people who have made themselves our enemies. We give out or our need. And we get along with other believers even if we do not see eye to eye on every doctrine.

Bottom line, bikers tend to only call members of their own patch "brother". As Christians we "Counter Steer" on this one in order to go in the right direction. We call every believer brother whether he is wearing our patch or not. And we gladly work by their side. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:35 ESV

I hope all the independents and Christian patchholders will find a Christian Unity in their area to be a part of.

-R Duane Gryder HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry Chaplain Texas Council of Clubs & Independents





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Thousands of motorcyclists' rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grassroots organizations.

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