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Letter from the Vice Chair

At our Motorcycle safety advisory meeting for 2019 the New Mexico Department of Transportation, New Mexico Motorcycle Safety Program, Motor Vehicle Department, basic riders coaches, The University of New Mexico satiations who collect New Mexico crash data and Santa Fe Harley Davison, Thunderbird and Duke City Harley the BMW dealerships, Law Tigers and the NMMRO came together to brain storm in one big effort on ideas on motorcycle safety awareness.

The information has been shared at our NMMRO monthly meetings. The three dealerships that were in attendance agreed to each hold an event at their dealership to promote safety to their customers and the community. Thunderbird Harley held the first event in April. It was a great day as NMDOT, MSF, Law Tigers and BMW set up tables with information to help make our streets safer. The NMMRO set up their fallen and survivor picture boards that they display at Bike Day at the Capital. Monica Gomez Ortiz who had been in a motorcycle crash in 2018 came by and the NNMRO presented her a survivor patch. Months later Monica is still healing from her injuries. The BMW Dealership will hold an event in June and Santa Fe Harley will hold an event in September. May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. In New Mexico we are fortunate to ride almost all year round so we remind all who share the road, to always drive and ride responsibly. In this article we would like to focus on rider responsibility: Riding a motorcycle is a skill we must learn which takes thinking and practice. Unfortunately many riders never learn the critical skills to ride safely. One of the best thing you can do, is to take a quality hands on training riding course in a controlled off-street environment. Beginning riders can take the Basic Rider Course developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation MSF. People who have been riding for a while can also benefit from taking one of the other courses available to enhance their riding skills. Topics covered in these courses include effective turning techniques, protective gear, traffic strategies, special riding situations, effective braking techniques and evasive maneuvers. The Harley Davidson Dealership in our state also offer a safety rider course, for more information you can to go their website for more information.



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There is a new MSF Basic Rider Course 2 available.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course 2- LW (NMMSP BRC2- LW), is a unique riding curriculum for New Mexicans offered through the New Mexico Motorcycle Safety Program (NMMSP). This course is an 8-hour course that contains a unique on-line classroom segment as a pre-requisite and also offers a variety of practice riding exercises designed to further develop your riding skills on your own motorcycle. The riding exercises conclude with a skills test. In order for a participant to earn their NMMSP BRC2-LW License Waiver Completion Card they must successfully complete the E-Course (on-line) and the skills evaluation on the range. It is designed for individuals that are actively riding or have street riding experience and possess some street riding skills. You'll practice these critical riding skills on your own motorcycle in their secure riding setting. Successful completion of this course qualifies you for a motorcycle license test-waiver with the New Mexico MVD. Our last two NMMRO membership meetings have been a bit different as we have involved the membership as an active part of the meeting. At the April meeting we requested topics from the membership on issues they would like discussed or addressed. In the May meeting the board picked 7 of those topics and broke down the attendees in to groups. Each group was give a different topic to discuss and they then brought their discussions and suggestions to the board and the attendees. There was great suggestions brought forward that we are start working on. God Bless you all and ride safe and responsibility.

Annette Torrez,

NMMRO Vice Chair



GATHERING DOCUMENTS AFTER A CRASH—HOW TO HELP YOUR ATTORNEY

By Heather K. Hansen, Roadrunner Law Firm

When people call us after they've been involved in a crash, they often ask us what we need from them to get their case started. After a crash, if you're feeling well enough, you should try to take photos of all of the cars involved, including license plate numbers. Also try to take photos of the road, any car or bike parts or gear left on the ground, damage to fences or other property, etc. If the other people involved in the crash offer to exchange information, take a photo of their insurance card and driver's license if you can. Also, if the person who caused the crash is being belligerent or threatening, or acting drunk or intoxicated, it might even be a good idea to record a quick video on your phone (but use your judgment about whether this is a safe idea). To be clear, you should only get these photos/videos if you feel well enough to do so without hurting yourself, and if you feel safe to do so.

Then, after you get home, you might talk to your insurance company or the insurance company for the person who caused the crash. You might be given a claim number or the name of an adjuster to contact. You will also want to visit with a doctor as soon as possible if you are injured, to assess the severity of your injuries and to make sure you are guided to appropriate treatment right away. If you have visible injuries you will want to take photos of the injuries. Also, in the two weeks following a crash, the police will be finalizing the Crash Report.

So, when you come to see us after the crash, we always tell people to bring us as many of these things as possible:

- The police crash report, if it's available;
- Photos and Videos of the vehicles involved in the crash;
- Photos and videos of the scene of the accident;
- Photos of your injuries, if visible;
- Any information you have on the person who caused the crash, like their insurance information or driver's license info;

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- A copy of your auto insurance policy or your proof of insurance card for your bike and for all cars you own and insure in your household;
- Any discharge summaries or other medical records that your doctor gives you at your visit (but don't go out of your way to obtain medical records prior to your consultation with us—we will get complete records once you hire us to work for you!);
- Your health insurance card;
- Documents like paystubs or timesheets that show any time you've missed from work;
- And receipts for any out of pocket charges you've paid (like a rental car, medical equipment like braces or crutches, etc.).

Gathering these items ahead of time gives us a head start on working your case, and helps us build the best case possible on your behalf.

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Starting Young

I was looking at the pictures of the Young NMMRO members the other day. It got me thinking about how kids acquire the passion for motorcycles. For the most part we know it comes from their parents and or friends inside their social network. For some it is an act of rebellion and others it is simply the need for speed and a love of competition.

As for starting young and learning how to ride. We have seen a shift in how kids learn to ride bicycles these days. The old way was a set of "training wheels" that were attached to a standard pedal bike. The goal being they slowly get a feel for the balance of a bike - then take the wheels off and give them that little push we all needed. The challenge was cornering and appreciating the "lean angle". The new way has turned into getting them a "balance bike" that has no pedals and they push it to gain the speed to balance. Harley just acquired a small company called Stay Cyc that provides electric balance bikes for kids 2 to 6 years of age. I am dying to try one....even at my ripe old age...Starting young again is more a dream than a reality.

I remember my Dad giving me that push. It was scary, then it wasn't. Then he could not keep running beside me and off I went. Freedom, YA. At some point he put the big "X" on the top of my right hand to remind me which side of the road to ride my bike on. It was in permanent ink and was somewhat a badge of honor I had going to school. I also remember showing off, riding with no hands right into the back of a parked pick up truck. Some education can also be a little painful. Then came the playing card and the clothes pin - if you old enough, you remember what that was for.

As we have been rolling through our Riding Academy classes we love to feel the energy and excitement of young, new riders. They inspire us and remind us of what we provide for this community. It is not about the bike, it is about what the bike provides for you. The Freedom and Adventure to explore, to experience and to connect with our world. The bike allows you to make a statement about who you are and what you believe. These new riders bring energy that is impossible to measure. They remind each day why we ride and why we do what we do at Santa Fe Harley-Davidson & KTM.

As we are into the May Motorcycle Awareness month - I challenge you all to find a new youngster, inspire them to ride. Dig out the old dirt bike - let them take a spin. If they are a younger rider - take them for a ride. Show them what you get out of riding. Share what you believe. It is a serious responsibility for us to pass these things on. Life is so busy and I know of know other way to disconnect and then connect.

Keep up the Awareness,

David Pearson Santa Fe Harley-Davidson & KTM



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March 26, 2019

House of Representatives Introduced a Resolution Addressing Motorcyclist Profiling Today champions of the motorcyclist community in the House of Representatives introduced a resolution addressing motorcyclist profiling. The resolution (H. Res. 255) has three key points:

- (1) promoting increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
- (2) encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcycle profiling; and
- (3) urging State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) applauds Congressman Walberg (R-MI), Congressman Peterson (D-MN), Congressman Burgess (R-TX) and Congressman Pocan (D-WI) for introducing this bipartisan resolution in the House of Representatives. These four Members of Congress introduced an identical bill in the last Congress which garnered 37 cosponsors but unfortunately failed to reach the House floor for a vote.

While the previous effort in the House failed, the United States Senate, in December 2018 passed an identical resolution regarding motorcyclist profiling. The MRF was proud to take a leading role in passing this Senate anti-profiling resolution. The United States Senate is now on record calling for the end of motorcyclist profiling.

The MRF is committed to working with the state motorcycle rights organizations (SMROs), coalitions, COC's, the Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP), the National Council of Clubs (NCOC), the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and independent riders to advance H. Res. 255.

President of the MRF, Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard, stated "We once again thank Congressmen Walberg, Peterson, Burgess and Pocan for their leadership on this important issue. Motorcyclists in every state are impacted by profiling and we appreciate these Congressmen bringing the issue before the House of Representatives."

To ask your U.S. House of Representative to cosponsor H. Res. 255

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My agency will be adding more products by the end of June 2019. More company's to be more competitive. Commercial products as well

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Greeting from Hinkle Law Offices

What to Do When the Police Stop You

At the request of Raymond Gallegos, the head of the NMMRO, I am revisiting the topic of what to do when interacting with law enforcement. Normally, these interactions arise when you are pulled over or have been involved in an accident. Today, I will focus on what you should do when you have been stopped by a member of a law enforcement agency.

First and foremost, be polite. Admittedly, this is easier said than done. This is especially true if the law enforcement officer displays an attitude. Many law enforcement officers are polite, however, many are not. It is wise to remember that you are being confronted by someone armed with all manner of militarized weaponry and gear.

Here are some items which you should do when stopped:

- Pull over to a safe place as quickly as possible;
- Keep both hands in plain sight and do not make any sudden moves;
- Remain calm; and
- Politely ask the officer for the reason for the stop.



After the stop seems to have reasonably concluded, if, for example, you have been pulled over for speeding, asked for your license and registration, and the officer has finished with his or her paperwork, you should politely inquire if you are free to go. It is important to clarify this. You may be able to make a claim for unlawful detention if you are held after all lawful reasons for your detention have been exhausted. If you are uncertain if the offense the state claims you have committed will show up on your record, you should politely state that you plead not guilty.

You have a First Amendment right to record police interactions. However, you must be mindful that most police officers resent being recorded. They do not like to be placed in a position where a version of their interaction with the public might contradict the official version to be disseminated to the public.

If the officer asks to search your motorcycle, you have the right to refuse, but do so politely. If you consent, you will have waived your constitutional protections against unreasonable searches.

You may answer basic questions, however, with the exception of identifying yourself, you have the right to refuse to answer additional questioning.

Finally, if you are arrested, do not argue or resist arrest. Doing so will allow the police officer to file additional charges. You could also end up being tasered, battered, or even shot.

The United States Supreme Court has held that it is constitutional to require drivers or riders suspected of being impaired to submit to a breath test, but it is unconstitutional for the police to require an individual to submit to a blood test without a warrant. Of course, you can refuse to submit to a breath test, but keep in mind there are penalties associated with doing so.

If you feel your rights were violated during an encounter with police, seek legal assistance.

Again, to avoid the risk of injury or death, I cannot stress enough how important it is that you remain calm during the encounter. Safe riding and see you on the road.

Cloyd G. Hinkle

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
	NO NMMRO MEETING	POST 49– Albuquerque
6-4 7:00pm	CNMMRO Meeting	1933 Brewing Company 3755 Southern Blvd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124
6-15	Hellfighters Freedom Ride	See Attached flyer
6-29	Southern Reapers Ride to Survive	See Attached Flyer

Colors Welcome

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| * Leo's Nightclub | * Rt 66 Casino | * Smokehouse BBQ |
| • American Legion Post 49 | * BJ's Brew House | * Bubbas |
| • Ojos Locos | * Rio Grande Grill | * Sierra Blanca |
| • Rio Bravo Brewery | & Tap room (ABQ) | (Moriarty) |
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Standing out when you ride is a good thing.

Over 87,000 riders are injured on the road each year.

Standing out will help you stay safe. Most accidents happen because other vehicle drivers just don't pay attention.

In the event of a crash, a motorcyclist is more vulnerable and in much greater danger physically than a driver. Because I'm an attorney and rider too, I have an intimate understanding of the road, its challenges and how to help.

Stay safe on the road.
The next time you go out...

- wear proper protective gear
- add reflectors & brighten your headlights
- always use running lights
- make the front, back and sides of your bike bright!

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