



Short Safety Subject

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Motorcyclists Can Survive

Every commander and supervisor must emphasize the special awareness required for safe motorcycling, by both motorcycle riders and automobile drivers sharing the road. The high risk of operating a motorcycle recklessly should be given special emphasis. Motorcycle riders must operate their vehicles responsibly and automobile drivers must remain alert to motorcyclists.

Safety emphasis commanders and supervisors can use are:

- Identify the hazards and assess the risks that confront their people who ride motorcycles, such as experience, weather and traffic conditions
- Implement control measures such as offering the required motorcycle safety training
- Ensure motorcyclists have received training, there are enough instructors available to do the training, and the instructors are given the time needed to teach the Motorcycle Safety Course
- Identify untrained motorcyclists arriving to the base
- Identify people who ride as a sport or means of transportation
- During in-processing briefings, ensure the motorcycle course is made known, and the local conditions are explained to newcomers.

Once these hazards are identified, assessed and control measures implemented, the rest of the Risk Management process of supervising and reviewing the process can be easily undertaken. The RM process can also work for motorcyclists. Motorcycle riders will need to identify the risks then use some control measures.

The following is are some recommended control measures:

- Limit travel until gaining the appropriate experience for the different traffic conditions;
- Use personal protective equipment when riding; and
- Limit the size of the motorcycle you operate to one you can handle.