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MEMORANDUM FOR Headquarters and Major Subordinate Commands Reporting Directly to FORSCOM

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Safety

- 1. The peak motorcycle riding season is in full swing across Forces Command. Many of our Soldiers are motorcycle riders and each year that number continues to increase.**
- 2. Recently, FORSCOM lost two Soldiers due to injuries sustained in separate motorcycle accidents. There have been six motorcycle fatalities so far this Fiscal Year (FY) as compared to four during the same period last FY.**
- 3. The causes remain the same; speed, lack of skills/training, alcohol use, and failure to wear required Personal Protective Equipment.**
- 4. Challenges in FY10 will result from unit redeployments from Theater. Imperative to the reintegration phase of the redeployment process will be the inclusion and completion of all required motorcycle safety training for those FORSCOM motorcycle riders. Enclosed is a checklist for leaders to use when discussing motorcycle safety issues with their Soldiers.**
- 5. I expect all FORSCOM Leaders to be actively involved in the motorcycle accident prevention process through training, leadership, enforcement, and the integration of risk management in all motorcycle riding events.**
- 6. For additional information, contact the FORSCOM Safety Director, Mr. George E. Phillips, 404-464-5596 (DSN 367), or email george.phillips@us.army.mil.**

Enclosure

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CHARLES C. CAMPBELL
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Motorcycle Safety Program Requirements

1. References:

**DODI 6055.4 - Traffic Safety,
Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program,
Memorandum, Chief of Staff of the Army, 28 Dec 2005, subject: Motorcycle
Mentorship - Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Team Up!
FORSCOM Regulation 385-1, FORSCOM Safety Program.**

2. Commanders and leaders will use the following procedures to comply with safety requirements. This list is not all inclusive and should be supplemented as needed. Other resources can be obtained through the USACR/SC POV Tool Box. <https://safety.army.mil/TOOLS/POVToolbox/tabid/631/Default.aspx>

a. Identify all motorcycle riders in unit formations that either have motorcycles or wish to purchase one. Ensure face-to-face counseling between first-line supervisors and the Soldiers who ride or want to ride. At a minimum, the following items will be maintained in each motorcycle rider's file:

- DA Form 4856 (Developmental Counseling Form)**
- Motorcycle Safety Inspection Checklist (updated quarterly, prior to holiday weekends, and leave)**
- Motorcycle Operators' Agreement**
- Copy of a valid state driver's license or endorsement to operate a motorcycle**
- Valid Individual insurance card**
- Copy of the issued Motorcycle Safety Foundation card**
- TRIPS for holiday weekends, leave, pass, or trips outside the command mandated area**

b. Support and promote unit level motorcycle safety activities and mentorship programs that reinforce positive training, mentorship, and riding within regulatory limits. Include the mentorship program as part of unit Safety Standard Operating Procedures.

c. Ensure that all Soldiers have completed or will attend the Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider's course prior to operating a motorcycle.

d. The Basic Riders Course - All motorcycle riders must complete this course prior to operating a motorcycle. Further rider training will be accomplished bi-annually after initial certification and upon purchase of another motorcycle. This training will be accomplished by attending either the Experienced Rider Course or the Military Sport Bike Course.

e. The mandatory Personal Protective Equipment for all military motorcycle riding personnel is as follows: Department of Transportation approved Helmet, American National Standards Institute approved shatter resistant glasses or goggles or fullface shield, sturdy footwear or over the ankle shoes, long sleeve shirt and long trousers, a brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night.

f. All commanders and leaders must identify any and all personnel in their formations that have redeployed and have or intend to purchase a motorcycle, and ensure that the motorcycle is appropriate for their individual riding skill level.