

# ***RIDING SEASON 2008***



# *Proper Protective Clothing and Equipment*



# *Protective Clothing*

- *Best protection: Leather*
- *Better protection: Polyester Mesh with Kevlar Armor Lining*
- *Good protection: Denim (blue jeans)*

# ***Protective Clothing and Equipment***

- ***Long-sleeve shirt or jacket***
- ***Long Pants***
- ***Full fingered gloves or mittens***
- ***Over-the ankle shoe or boots***
- ***DOT approved helmet***
- ***Proper eye protection***
- ***Vest or belt***

# ***Proper Eye Protection***

- ***Full face shield***
- ***Impact-shatter resistant goggles***
- ***Wrap around sunglasses that meet ANSI Z87.1 standards***

# *Army Requirements*

- References: AR 385-55 and DODI 6055.4
- ALL Army military personnel who operate a motorcycle (on-off duty, on-off a DOD installation and regardless of the member's decision to register their vehicle on a DOD installation) ***ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND OR TO HAVE ATTENDED AN APPROVED MOTORCYCLE RIDER SAFETY COURSE.***

# *Army Requirements*

- All Army Civilian personnel who operate a motorcycle on a DOD installation or on official duty, and regardless of the employee's decision to register their vehicle on a DOD installation) ***ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND OR HAVE ATTENDED AN APPROVED MOTORCYCLE RIDER SAFETY COURSE.***

# *Approved Rider Safety Course*

- Approved Motorcycle Rider Safety Programs: Basic Rider Course (BRC) / Experienced Rider Course (ERC) (curriculum provided by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, MSF)
- Specialty schools affiliated with MSF

# ***RIDER COURSE COMPLETION CARDS***

- **Good for life as long as you have it in your possession**
- **Good regardless of installation training was conducted**
- **Specialty cards must state “affiliated with the MSF course curriculum”**

# Army-Wide Fatalities

<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u> to present
22 *	40 *	48	38 *	13

•FY 04: (SSG) 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Meade County, Highway 60 – POV turned directly into SM lane, no time to react, soldier's body ricochet off back of POV, thrown into oncoming lane, ran over by a van, pronounced dead at the scene. NO FAULT OF MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR. MSF – Yes, PPE - Yes

•FY 05: (CPT) 28 Sep, Highway 31W, Radcliff (McDonalds at Joe Prather / 31W Intersection) – POV (pickup truck) pulled out in front of motorcycle traveling northbound, motorcycle hit drivers side of truck. Heavy fog in the area and SM riding his wife's motorcycle. MSF – Yes, PPE - Yes

•FY 07: (SFC) 2 Jul, Highway 31W, Radcliff (by entrance into FKFCU Bank) – POV (SUV) exiting FKFCU parking lot, crossed over 31W southbound lanes to median, t-boned SM's motorcycle who was traveling south on 31W. MSF – Yes, PPE – Yes

**NOTE: \* annotates a Fort Knox Motorcycle Fatality**

# ***Fort Knox Recordable Motorcycle Accidents***

**FY 03**

**4**

**FY 04**

**3**

**FY 05**

**5**

**FY 06**

**3**

**FY 07**

**4**

***19 Accidents resulted in 921 lost days***

***Average 1 Serious Motorcycle Accident per year with at least 120 lost days or a motorcycle fatality***

***Accident/Fatality Trends have shifted to our Seasoned Soldiers, i.e., NCOs and Officers***

# ***RIDER RESPONSIBILITY***

- ***Know the limits of your motorcycle***
- ***Know your riding limits***
- ***Know the limits of the environment you will be riding in***
- ***RIDE WITHIN THESE LIMITS***

Have you ever wondered what a motorcycle looks like after going 155 MPH and then stopping suddenly?

This motorcycle was going 155 MPH when it hit a car that was moving slowly through an intersection.



The rider, both occupants of the car, and the motorcycle were found imbedded in the car. All three people died at the scene.



***QUESTIONS ??????***