

Anchor Lines

Your line to the Fleet Mess

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Motorcycle Rider Safety Courses:

Key Message: In OPNAVINST 5100.12H CH1 paragraph 6.k.(15) on page 8, CO's were required to "ensure 100% compliance with the training and PPE requirements, and document completed training in individual training records" and (17) "ensure all motorcyclists are provided the opportunity to attend required training during normal working hours." As Chiefs, we need to ensure these requirements are being met. Effective upon release of this Anchor Lines, every Command Master Chief/CSEL will ensure their Sailors who own or operate a motorcycle, have completed the BRC no later than 31 July 09 and the MSRC no later than 30 September 09. Each CMC who has Sailors who are not able to complete respective safety courses, WILL report their Sailors non-compliance reasoning to their Force Master Chief via their ISIC Command Master Chief.

30-Second Speech: The purpose of the motorcycle safety training program is to provide motorcycle operators with safe riding skills, knowledge, and techniques. All sport bike operators shall complete the MSRC ideally within 60 days of completion of the BRC or purchase of the sport bike if already BRC trained.

Focus:

Notable data points from March's non-fatal Motorcycle mishaps:
 - Sport bikes accounted for 86% of the reported mishaps;
 - 50% of the mishaps were in CA and VA (Identified as priority areas);
 - 71% of the riders had completed the BRC;
 - 17% of the riders had completed the MSRC;
 - 4 of 6 MCY fatalities did not have required training.

Notable Quotables...

Identifying the new and inexperienced riders and getting them trained remains one of the keys to our success. RADM Artie Johnson, Navy Safety

We must continue to engage the Chief's Mess everywhere in the Navy to encourage personal safety and responsibility.

Courses Required:

- 1) **Basic Rider Course (BRC)** – a two-day course for all military who ride motorcycles. Then depending on the type of motorcycle owned, the next class is either:
 - 2) **Experienced Rider Course (ERC)** – a one-day course for standard, cruiser or touring motorcycles greater than 500cc. Must complete no later than three years following BRC;
 - 3) **Military Sport bike Rider Course (MSRC)** – a one-day class for all sport bike riders. Must complete no later than 60 days following BRC or purchase of sport bike.
- **Every three years, all motorcycle operators are required to take either the ERC or the MSRC, depending on the type of motorcycle they own and ride.****

Resources:

To search and obtain quota's for safety training course dates and locations:
https://www.hqwillc.com/ESAMS_GEN_2/LoginEsams.aspx
 - Click on 'external viewing of regional training schedules' link on the home page. Sailors with ESAMS access can enroll via website. Sailors without ESAMS access must call the safety office where the course will be held – phone number provided next to the course listing. ****Failure to attend or cancel course reservations results in others not receiving training and will result in command 'no-show' notification.**

Did you know?

- E5's experienced the highest number of non-fatal reportable mishaps.
- Sunday was identified as the worst day of the week for mishaps during this period.
- Statistics show that 86% of the reported non-fatal accidents, riders were licensed and had worn required PPE.