

# TRADOC Statement of Motorcycle/ATV Operator Requirements and Individual Responsibilities

1. Reference: Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6055.4 - Traffic Safety Program.

2. *Fifteen percent of Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) accidents in the Army are Motorcycle (MC) accidents. If you operate a privately owned MC or All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) (either street or off-road versions) on or off Department of Defense (DoD) installations you must be appropriately licensed to operate it (except where not required by SOFAs or local laws). Before operation of any motorcycle/ATV, you shall successfully complete an approved rider or operator safety course. The safety course must be a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), or Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) or MSF-based State-approved course. You are responsible to contact the installation safety office and schedule training. Once you have completed training you will report back to the installation safety office and me. It is mandatory that all persons operating or riding as a passenger on a MC or ATV use appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). PPE requirements are as follows:*

a. *A helmet certified to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) standards. Helmet must be properly fastened under the chin. If stationed outside CONUS and the host nation does not have an equivalent helmet standard, the helmet will meet the U.S. DOT standard. The DoD requires use of a helmet even in those states or host nations where helmets are not required by state or host nation traffic laws.*

b. *Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to the helmet. A windshield or eyeglasses alone are not proper eye protection.*

c. *Sturdy Footwear is mandatory. Leather boots or over the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.*

d. *Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle/ATV.*

e. *A brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night are required. Outer upper garment shall be clearly visible and not covered. **Note: Check with the safety office to get specific state, local, and installation requirements related to reflective equipment.***

f. ***Insert any specific installation and state MC/ATV traffic laws in this paragraph.***

g. *If a Line of Duty Investigation is initiated as a result of a motorcycle/ATV accident, the investigating officer will consider all relevant factors, including those listed in this agreement and in AR 600-8-4, paragraph 4-14 in making his or her determinations in the Line of Duty Investigation.. Additionally, these factors may be considered by the DA Physical Evaluations Board and Department of Veteran's Affairs in determining a Soldier's benefits.*

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Signature and Date