

Possible supporting roles

■ IMCOM & Army Commands

- Support Private Organization program requirements (IAW AR 210-22)
- Supplement policy as required
- Evaluate motorcycle safety program management

■ Installation Commanders

- Support and promote Motorcycle Mentorship Programs
- Evaluate established group(s) to determine their positive or negative contributions

■ Unit Commanders

- Support and promote unit level Motorcycle Mentorship Programs
- Encourage program activities to reinforce positive training, mentorship and riding
- Identify when group(s) are making both positive and negative contributions
- Support organized group activities like motorcycle rallies and unit level rides

■ Safety Office

- Encourage motorcycle groups(s) to participate in traffic safety programs by being a conduit for positive education, mentorship, publicity, and awareness for the riding community
- Communicate with group leadership on local risk areas and concerns

■ MWR

- Actively support Motorcycle Mentorship Programs and provide information on requirements to establish Private Organizations (IAW AR 210-22)
- Assist in increasing awareness of voluntary motorcycle programs

■ Potential Community Enablers

- Local/state law enforcement
- Local motorcycle dealers and clubs
- Local media

■ Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)

- Subject matter expertise
- Source for training and support materials

Possible roles for mentoring organizations and riders

■ Motorcycle Mentorship Organizations

Serve as a force multiplier for motorcycle mishap reduction efforts. For example:

- Act as a forum for education, awareness, and seasonal campaigns
- Promote environment that fosters responsible riding and enjoyment
- Educate riders on Composite Risk Management (CRM) with focus on safe motorcycle riding.
- Conduct mentorship training seminars
- Conduct motorcycle buyer's clinics and maintenance seminars
- Host group rides and rallies

■ Motorcycle Riders

- Comply with installation, local, state, Army and host nation requirements
- Support unit motorcycle safety efforts
- Encourage participation in local mentoring organizations
- May hold leadership positions within the mentoring organization
- Foster a mentoring atmosphere emphasizing skilled, responsible, and positive riding experiences

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Motorcycle Mentorship Program

The purpose of the Motorcycle Mentorship Program is to establish voluntary unit or installation level motorcycle riding organizations where less experienced riders and seasoned riders can create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and enjoyment. Such an environment can create positive conduct and behavior and serve as a force multiplier that supports a commander's motorcycle accident prevention program.

With the increasing number of Soldier motorcycle riders, the Army has seen a dramatic increase in the number of motorcycle accidents and fatalities. We lost more Soldiers on motorcycles in FY06 than any previous year going back to 1986 and the Army more than doubled motorcycle fatalities from 22 in FY04 to 48 in FY06.



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On Motorcycle Mentorship . . .

In an attempt to combat motorcycle fatalities, the single area of accidental fatalities which has continued to increase since FY04, the CSA approved a motorcycle mentorship program concept plan on 28 December 2005. Whether you're a rider or have riders in your unit, it's important to understand who and what our riders are doing so we can be proactive and prevent "preventable accidents". Motorcycle mentorship has taken hold across our Army over the past year. We have found here at the USACRC that there is not one model which fits every command or location.

There have been a number of innovative programs developed from full-up private organization clubs with 70-plus members to one-on-one mentoring programs at the unit level, which team experienced riders with new riders. In some cases we have seen unit programs serve as individual rider mentoring with a collective level of mentoring occurring at installation level private organization clubs. What has struck me most is the number of leaders who recognize and embrace this concept.

The bottom line is that motorcycles are extremely popular in the Army, from junior Soldiers all the way up to four star generals. There are too many of us out there who have riders in our formations to not engage and ensure our Soldier riders are mentored in one form or another. Motorcycle mentorship is one way leaders can stay engaged, it provides a direct link to the riding population in our formations.



Leading on the Edge,
BG Bill Forrester
Director of Army Safety

Background

Army motorcycle mishaps are on the rise. Motorcycle mishaps resulted in 155 Soldier fatalities from FY02 through FY06. Collected accident data revealed that over half of motorcycle fatalities were the result of single vehicle accidents that involved riders exercising poor risk decisions and judgment. Males between the ages of 18 and 25 years are historically the Army's "at risk" population. However, over the last two FY's ('05 and '06) we have seen an increase in the at risk age group which has climbed into the 30 to 35 year-old range, with 62% of Soldier fatalities over the age of 25 and 64% involving E5's and above.



DCG USARPAC engaged in motorcycle training



Fort Sam Rough Riders supporting Fort Sam Houston "Combat Medic Fest 06"

Mentorship Concept

Successful mishap reduction requires the support of commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, motorists, and the military and civilian communities at large. It is only through their collective involvement that mishap reduction can occur. The establishment of Motorcycle Mentorship Programs on our installations or at unit levels are ways leaders can engage riders and combat the rise in motorcycle mishaps.

The Motorcycle Mentorship Program concept has been embraced at all levels in the Army. The program can and should be as diverse as the Army itself and meet the needs of local commanders and riders.

■ More than one approach

Motorcycle Mentorship can be set-up in various ways. A few examples:

- Unit level one-on-one mentorship
- Unit level riding groups
- Private Organization (PO)
- Combination Unit program & Private Organization at the Installation level
- Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI)

Check out the USACRC MMP web site for some examples of active mentoring programs: <https://cra.army.mil/mmp/>

