

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, motorcycles serve as an excellent form of transportation in our state for commuting, touring, and recreational uses; and
- WHEREAS, motorcycles are energy-efficient vehicles, assisting in reducing fuel consumption and contributing to reducing traffic and parking congestion in many communities; and
- WHEREAS, road safety is of the highest priority for our streets, roads, and highways; and
- WHEREAS, increased awareness of the rules of the road and good driving skills are necessary for the safe operation of all vehicles; and
- WHEREAS, citizens interested in learning how to ride a motorcycle or improve their current riding skills and knowledge can participate in courses offered throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Rider Associations of Indiana have joined with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Indiana Department of Transportation and other state agencies in an effort to increase public awareness for the need of improved safety on our streets, roads, and highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2017 as

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 11th
day of April the year of our
Lord 2017 and of the Independence
of the United States 241.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb





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May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Indiana

Governor Eric Holcomb has proclaimed May to be Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Indiana. Spring weather means that motorcyclists will be on the streets in greater numbers. ABATE of Indiana joins Governor Holcomb and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in urging everyone to share the road.

Rally on the Circle, Thursday, May 4th

To draw further attention to motorcycle awareness, ABATE of Indiana will be hosting an event in conjunction with the Indiana War Memorial, the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Tucker Rocky - LDI, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indiana State Police, and the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The kickoff event for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month will take place on Monument Circle from 11:00 to 1:00 on Thursday, May 4, 2017. All motorcyclists are welcome to join in and park their bike on "The Circle" with police motors from various agencies and some special attractions.

We encourage all motorcyclists to ride responsibly and respectfully. Ride free of impairment and make certain they are properly licensed to operate a motorcycle. We recommend that all riders take a formal rider education course, as studies have indicated that 90% of crash involved riders are self taught.

Save A Life – Be Aware – Motorcycles Are Everywhere

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ABATE of Indiana (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) is a not-for-profit, safety, educational, charitable and advocacy motorcyclist organization. Our aims are to promote safety, protect rights and help others. ABATE of Indiana represents approximately 13% of the registered motorcycles in Indiana, with a membership of over 20,000. ABATE has a full-time staff, nearly 350 volunteer officers, and nearly 200 certified safety instructors, dedicated to serving the interests of all motorcyclists.



2016 INDIANA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FACT SHEET

Rider Education Program Statistics

- **Effective Date (Legislated Voluntary Program):** January 1, 1987.
- **Funding Source:** Separate Motorcycle License Plate Fee.
- **Funding Amount:** \$2 per Motorcycle Registration (1987-1992); \$5 per Registration (1993-2001); \$7 per Registration (2002-).
- **Annual Total Funding:** \$200,000 (1987-1992); \$570,000 (1993-2001); \$1,000,000+ (2002-).
- **Students Trained:** more than 125,000
- **Course Locations:** Crown Point, Elkhart, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Westfield, Evansville, Clarksville, Richmond, Kokomo and Versailles.
- **Course Length:** 15-18 instructional hours (5-6 hours classroom, 10-12 hours on-cycle training) offered in a variety of scheduling options.

Motorcycle Accident, Injury, Fatality, and Registration Statistics

	1986*	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Accidents	3,951	3,808	3,683	3,056	2,949	2,810	2,279	2,251	2,410	2,251	1,844	1,899	2,063	2,149	2,279
Injuries	3,729	3,619	3,498	2,748	2,720	2,655	2,152	2,182	2,407	2,260	1,446	1,450	1,580	1,637	1,730
Fatalities	134	131	90	68	82	87	72	67	64	68	59	47	69	67	73
Per 10,000 Registered MCs	10.8	12.6	8.7	7.2	8.5	9.0	7.6	7.0	6.6	6.7	6.4	4.9	6.6	6.2	6.1
Registrations	124,218	104,051	104,012	95,051	96,260	96,389	94,988	95,524	97,017	96,394	96,710	98,252	104,106	108,716	118,796

	2001	2002	2003	2004**	2005**	2006**	2007**	2008**	2009**	2010**	2011**	2012**	2013**	2014**	2015**
Accidents	N/A	N/A	2,151	2,873	2,906	3,098	3,555	3,822	3,276	3,429	3,551	4,104	2,647	3,407	3,263
Injuries	N/A	N/A	1,753	3,139	3,096	2,593	3,802	2,957	3,486	3,721	3,809	4,458	2,755	2,671	2,607
Fatalities	75	88	81	109	113	108	122	130	111	110	118	151	118	125	107
Per 10,000 Registered MCs	5.9	6.5	5.5	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.4	6.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	7.29	5.30	5.60	4.21
Registrations	128,130	134,881	145,948	154,739	164,423	162,683	190,073	204,386	202,878	208,918	214,903	223,989	221,775	221,606	253,921

* Last year prior to legislated program implementation.

**2004 forward contains mopeds, scooters, all two and three wheeled vehicles.

2006 Forward revised to current ICJI reports.

Sources: Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Indiana State Police Reporting Information Exchange System (ARIES); Indiana Dept of Education

Other Program Activities

In addition to conducting training courses, the Indiana Motorcycle Safety Program conducts statewide public information and education campaigns to increase motorists' awareness of motorcycles, to convince riders not to drink and ride, to encourage the use of protective riding equipment, and to promote proper licensing of all motorcyclists.

Contact information for ABATE of Indiana Motorcycle Safety Division: Jay Jackson, Director, PO Box 665, Bargersville, IN 46106; (317) 422-8040.



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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #1**

GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. MOTORISTS FREQUENTLY MISJUDGE THE APPROACH SPEED OF MOTORCYCLES, OR FAIL TO SEE THEM AT ALL. STUDIES IDENTIFY A VEHICLE VIOLATING A MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AS THE CAUSE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MULTIPLE-VEHICLE CRASHES INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES. SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. 92 PERCENT OF THE RIDERS INVOLVED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASHES ARE SELF-TAUGHT AND HAVE NO FORMAL TRAINING. MOTORCYCLE RIDER EDUCATION COURSES SUPPLY RIDERS WITH THE SKILLS AND STRATEGIES TO PREPARE FOR RIDING, DEAL WITH HAZARDS AND AVOID ACCIDENTS. TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RIDER EDUCATION, CONTACT ABATE OF INDIANA'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DIVISION AT 1-800-23-ABATE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT WWW.ABATEONLINE.ORG AND REMEMBER, SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #3

GOVERNOR ERIC HOLCOMB HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. ALCOHOL CONTINUES TO BE OVER-REPRESENTED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASHES. MOTORCYCLING REQUIRES BALANCE AND A GREAT DEAL OF JUDGEMENT. DON'T COMPROMISE EITHER ONE BY BEING IMPAIRED. WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT PEOPLE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT DRINK; WE ARE HOWEVER, ENCOURAGING MOTORCYCLISTS TO SEPARATE DRINKING FROM RIDING. RIDE STRAIGHT – DON'T DRINK AND RIDE. AND REMEMBER, SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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