



If this is your first Fall Seminar, welcome!



We are grateful that you have committed

to getting more involved with ABATE of Indiana. If you are returning, we thank you for your dedication and continued support. We hope to remind you of a few things, as well as introduce some new information and experiences.

The 2022 Fall Seminar highlighted “leading”. Every organization needs good leadership, so that will always be a consideration. However, this year we are going to spend some time talking about “following”.

We want to make sure that we’ve got everyone on the same page, consistently understanding and following the by-laws, policies, rules, suggestions and state and federal laws that cover what we do.

Protecting ABATE by ensuring that waivers and releases are properly used and preserved is critical. As Rod Taylor says, “You don’t need a waiver, until you need a waiver.” In the current litigious environment, you just cannot be too careful.

We also expect to have some fun. So let’s exchange some useful information with each other, as well as sharing some brotherhood.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE -

HB1050 - Various Motor Vehicle Matters

Authored by Rep. Jim Pressel

Co-Authored by Rep. Matt Lehman, Rep. Edward DeLaney, Rep. Robert Cherry

Senate Sponsor - Sen. Michael Crider

Digest - Provides that certain entities are immune from civil liability for an act or omission occurring during a motorcycle operator safety course that results in an injury or property damage.

Tucked inside a 62 page bill that covered various motor vehicle matters, just as the title states, was a section about motorcycle rider training courses. When asked, the BMV acted as though they knew nothing about it, despite the fact that it was essentially their bill. The original language was poorly written and left out some key elements. Although we did not initially ask for this civil protection, it certainly could assist ABATE, as well as any other training provider. We worked with the legislature to get the necessary amendments made and ultimately pass the bill which went into effect July 1, 2023.

Since 2023 was a long session, most of the attention was focused on the budget bill. There was also a great deal of discussion related to abortion and education. There were a few issues of concern to motorcyclists, but we got them stopped before they actually got started.

Federally, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation had several great successes in the waning hours of the 117th Congress, including the passage of a resolution regarding profiling of riders. Electric vehicles, uncertainty of motorcycle safe fuel and perhaps the greatest threat to the future of motorcycling, autonomous vehicles, are all here and now. If we wish to ensure that future generations are able to experience and enjoy the freedom of the road as we have, we must remain vigilant. Please support the MRF in these efforts.



2023 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 140,000.
- Course Locations: Merrillville, Granger, Ft. Wayne, Evansville, Clarksville, Kokomo, Versailles and Indianapolis.
- Course Length: 15-18 instructional hours (4-6 hours classroom, 10-12 hours on-cycle training) offered in various scheduling options.

Motorcycle Collision, Injury, Fatality, and Registration Statistics

	1986*	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Collisions	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**
Collisions	N/A	N/A	2,151	2,873	2,906	3,098	3,555	3,822	3,276	3,429	3,551	4,104	3,524	3,407	3,263
Injuries	N/A	N/A	1,753	3,139	3,096	2,593	3,802	2,957	3,486	2,717	2,725	3,286	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

	2016**	2017**	2018**	2019**	2020**	2021	2022
Collisions	3,216	3,403	2,876	2,701	2,948	2,952	2,626
Injuries	2,505	2,288	1,932	1,819	1,968	1,934	1,847
Fatalities	100	144	112	112	142	129	116
Per 10,000 Registrations	3.98	6.54	4.87	4.78	6.07	5.79	4.87
Registrations	251,032	220,340	230,107	234,229	234,014	222,807	238,143

* 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 Automated Reporting Information Exchange System (ARIES); Indiana Dept of Education ABATE of Indiana has gathered this information from various sources, but cannot attest to the method of collection, analysis, consistency or accuracy of the data.

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.

Purchases by Nonprofit Organizations

— New State Procedures for tax exempt purchases. —

Purchases for event use

To qualify for a sales tax exemption on purchases as a nonprofit organization, the following conditions must be met:

1. The purchaser must be a qualified nonprofit organization as described in the Qualified Nonprofit Organizations section above.
2. The organization must not be operated predominantly for social purposes.
3. The article purchased must be used to carry on the nonprofit's purpose. This means the article must be used for the same purpose as that for which the organization is being exempted, or the article must be purchased to raise money to carry on the nonprofit's purpose.
4. The transaction must be invoiced directly to the nonprofit organization and paid directly via the organization's funds. Purchases for the private benefit of any member of the organization, such as meals and lodgings, are not eligible for exemption.

NOTE: The fact that an organization is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation or is being exempted from income tax by the IRS does not necessarily mean that purchases made by the nonprofit organization are exempt from sales/use tax. Organizations, as previously described, that are registered

with the Indiana Department of Revenue as nonprofit organizations may purchase exempt from Indiana sales and use tax tangible personal property used in carrying out the nonprofit purpose of the qualified organization. To purchase tax exempt, the organization must register with the department no later than 120 days after the taxpayer's formation, after which the organization can obtain a Form NP-1 (Indiana Nonprofit Sales Tax Exemption Certificate) from INTIME. NOTE: An ST-105 issued prior to Jan. 1, 2023, by a qualified nonprofit registered in Indiana will expire Jan. 1, 2024. The issuing nonprofit must provide an NP-1 to their vendors from that point forward.

Purchases for Resale

Tangible personal property purchased for resale by a nonprofit organization is eligible for the sales tax exemption.

This bulletin applies only to the status of nonprofit organizations under the sales tax statute. Nonprofit organizations are subject to the Adjusted Gross Income Tax Act on unrelated business income as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 513.

To obtain an NP-1, forward the vendor's name, address, and description of item(s) to be purchased to the state treasurer at least 5 business days prior to purchasing the item(s).

You will need to plan ahead and contact the state office with the vendors information in advance of purchases. This cannot be done on the day of purchase.

MAKING EVENT FLYERS

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR EVERY FLYER

- **ABATE** should always be in all caps. DO NOT use Abate. Use ABATE.
- **The ABATE logo.** Do not stretch or change the logo in any way.
- **“An ABATE Foundation Event”** visible some where on your flyer.
- **The region and county.** Counties do not stand alone in this organization, they are a part of the region and both should be included.
- **The important stuff!** Event name, date, times, location with address and/or directions, and contact information.
- **Director approval** The region director must approve all promotions for the event.

ARTWORK/PHOTOS

- **Artist Agreement.** All photos/artwork used in promotions must be sent to the state office along with a signed artist agreement. Only use art/photos that are royalty free, you have obtained an artist agreement for or you have purchased.

FLYERS CAN NOT CONTAIN:

- **Door prizes, raffles, poker runs or any forms of gambling/games of chance.**

FLYER DESIGN TIPS

1. Be sure the reader can figure out **what type of event** it is from a distance without reading all of the details.
2. **Keep the information simple.** You have their attention for a limited amount of time. Use that time for your most important selling points. No one wants to read a novel.
3. **Have your information flow from top to bottom.** Information that is scattered is confusing.
4. **Make objects and or text visually connect.** Avoid letting things float away from everything else. This allows your eyes to move easily from one thing to the next.
5. **Limit the number of fonts.** Less is more. Use simple easy to read fonts for blocks of text.
6. **Use graphics that are good quality and not blurry or pixelated.** Consider using a good photo instead of art.
7. **Save your flyer in a high resolution format.** Do not compress it into a small JPG.
8. **Be sure you have provided enough information** to get someone to your event and through the door.
9. **When in doubt, keep it simple.** Put one large photo or graphic, one large headline and some basic centered text. It is a simple but effective formula.

MAGAZINE DEADLINES

- **To be included in the magazine,** send your flyers to the state office by the deadline. See the Hoosier Motorcyclist section of the Guidebook for deadlines.



Scan the code below using your phone. This will take you to the ABATE Google Drive containing art, tutorial videos and resources for making your own flyers. There is a tutorial video on the drive that shows you how to use the drive.



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ABATE of Indiana

Fall Seminar/Officer Training

Saturday November 18, 2023

- 10:00 - Welcome - Big Willy from Boogie Radio
 - 10:05 - Pledge of Allegiance and Introduction - Jay Jackson
 - 10:20 - The State of ABATE (financial overview) - Gino Johnson, C.P.A. and Tina McCormack
 - 10:50 - ABATE Bikers Care State Charity (ABC) - Bob Stoner
 - 11:05 - Insurance - Tami Williams from American Income Life (AIL) and Tina McCormack
 - 11:20 - Discover Indiana Riding Trails (D.I.R.T.) - RoyGarrett
 - 11:30 - Waivers and Risk Management - Rod Taylor
 - 12:30 - Lunch - Courtesy of Rod Taylor and ABATE Legal Services
 - 1:30 - Motorcycle Safety - Jay Jackson
 - 1:45 - Promoting ABATE - Marc Falsetti
 - 2:15 - Lawrence County Recreational Park (LCRP) - Rayce Guthrie
 - 2:30 - Break
 - 2:45 - Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) - Roberta Meyer and Justin Kennedy
 - 3:00 - Legislative Activity - Jay Jackson
 - 3:30 - Legislative Information Network Committee (LINC) - Aaron Meyer
 - 3:45 - Break
 - 4:00 - Officer Responsibilities - Split Roundtable
 - 5:00 - Break
 - 5:15 - Roundtable Reports
 - 5:30 - Wrap up, Director Introductions and Check Presentations
 - 6:00 - Seminar Concludes
 - 7:30 - Hospitality Contest
 - 12:00 - Scheduled Activities Conclude
- (Schedule subject to change)