**RIDER DOWN REPORT**

**USN Rider fatalities for FY 20:……... 4 Total Navy Motorcycle mishaps reported in WESS for FY 20: 79**

**USMC Rider Fatalities for FY 20:…... 5 Total USMC Motorcycle mishaps reported in WESS for FY 20: 37**

**USN/USMC Fatalities this report: 2/1 Total Motorcycle mishaps this report: 22**

This report is a monthly update of the motorcycle mishaps that have occurred throughout the US Navy and Marine Corps.

Recommendation: MSRs use this information during motorcycle training and Mentorship programs and forward to other personnel who may have an interest (with the exception contained in the notice below).

Note: Commands have up to 30 days to submit a WESS mishap report. As a result, the total number of mishaps shown in this report may be less than the actual number of mishaps that have occurred.

**The information contained in this report is based on preliminary information and is provided for hazard awareness and training purposes only. Official mishap data should be obtained from the Naval Safety Center.**

**The Naval Safety Center received the following reports for February 2020**

As the weather continues to warm up, more motorcycles will be on the road as we move into spring and summer. Whether you are a novice or veteran rider, your skill sets may have deteriorated during the offseason. Don’t be too proud to take a refresher training course.

The only way to get better and more proficient at riding is with time in the seat and practice. One skill set that is most important to a rider is braking. If you have not practiced braking in a while, ask yourself, when the last time you used maximum braking? Do you remember what it feels like? Practice breaking and get used to the feel of it again by working up from a low speed and gently squeezing the front brake shy of locking up. As your confidence increases, gradually increase your speed until you can stop the motorcycle without the fear of laying the bike down.

Proficiency in riding is not going to happen in a few hours of practicing in a parking lot in one day. Braking and other skill sets require time to gain experience to become a skilled rider.

Enjoy your ride and the warmer weather, remember your PPE, training, and always know your limits.

R/Michael Borkowski

**Fatal Mishaps**

28 Feb 2020/1600L -25-year-old, E-4 Location: Santa Clarita, CA

Yr./Make/Model: Not reported (NR)

PPE: NR

License: NR

Training: NR

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash and rider pronounced deceased on the scene, no further information.

22 Feb 2020/0100L- 25-year-old E5 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2017 Yamaha (Sport)

PPE: NR

License: NR

Training: NR

Remarks: Rider had a gathering at their home with several fellow Marines. San Diego first responders received a call from a neighbor that reported hearing a crash. First responders found rider down near the crashed motorcycle. Rider was pronounced deceased at the scene.

22 Feb 2020/0100L- 21-year-old, E-3 Location: Jacksonville, FL

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Unk make/model/type

PPE: Yes (Helmet & Boots only)

License: No

Training: Level I (Jan 2020) / Level II (None)

Remarks: Rider lost control of motorcycle, hit a concrete barrier, and crashed into a bridge. Rider was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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**Non-Fatal Mishaps:**

30 Feb 2020/1330L- 21-year-old, E-4 Location: La Jolla, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Suzuki GSXR 1000 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Sept 2018) / Level II (Jan 2019)

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle accident and rider was transported to the local hospital, treated for unknown minor injuries, and released.

29 Feb 2020/1300L- 20-year-old, E-3 Location: Oahu, HI

Yr./Make/Model: NR

PPE: Yes

License: No

Training: Level I (Feb 2020) / Level II (None)

Remarks: Rider lost control of the motorcycle and crashed. Rider was RIDER admitted to Tripler Army Medical Center for a broken leg and ankle.

29 Feb 2020/0500L- 22-year-old, E-3 Location: Savannah, GA

Yr./Make/Model: 2016 Harley Davidson Heritage (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Nov 2019) / Level II (Dec 2019)

Remarks: Rider swerved to avoid debris in the road and lost control of the motorcycle and was RIDER transported to Savannah Memorial Medical for injuries.

22 Feb 2020/2300L- 27-year-old, E-5 Location: Naples Italy

Yr./Make/Model: 2006 Honda CBR1000RR (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Oct 2019) / Level II (Jan 2020)

Remarks: Rider struck a vehicle while it was making an illegal U-turn, no further information.

24 Feb 2020/0545L – 30-year-old, E-7 Location: Ramona, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2019 Harley Davidson (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (None) / Level II (None)

Remarks: Rider swerved to avoid wildlife in the road and lost control of the motorcycle. Rider evaluated at Naval Medical Center San Diego for minor scrapes and bruises.

23 Feb 2020/1630L – 39-year-old, E-6 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Suzuki GSXR (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Feb 2019) / Level II (Jul 2019)

Remarks: Rider was involved in a crash with a hit and run vehicle. Rider was transported to Sharps Memorial Hospital and treated for a broken arm and clavicle, cracked ribs, and a broken left ankle.

21 Feb 2020/0730L – 26-year-old, E-5 Location: Norfolk, VA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Kawasaki Ninja (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (NR) Level II (Jul 2019)

Remarks: Rider was turning onto the I-64 onramp and took the turn too wide and lost control of the motorcycle. Rider was transported to a local hospital by ambulance; rider was treated for a cracked right clavicle, bruises, and scrapes and released. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

20 Feb 2020/1100L – 25-year-old, E-4 Location: City Heights, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Honda CBRF (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Jun 2019)

Remarks: RIDER collided with the side of another vehicle when the other vehicle made a left turn. RIDER was transported by ambulance to the local hospital, where RIDER was treated for a minor wrist injury and released.

19 Feb 2020/1440L – 22-yearold, E-4 Location: Winterhaven, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2016 Honda CB500 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (May 2016) / Level II (Apr 2018)

Remarks: Rider lost control of the motorcycle while avoiding an animal. Rider was transported to Yuma Medical, and treated for road rash, then released.

16 Feb 2020/1930L- 37-year-old, E-7 Location: Campo, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Suzuki GSXR 750 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Aug 2013) / Level II (Oct 2017)

Remarks: Rider hit a dirt embankment while driving through a curve. The motorcycle lost traction and the rider lost control resulting in laying down the motorcycle. Rider drove home, then drove to the local hospital, was treated and released.

16 Feb 2020/1830L- 25-year-old, E-5 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2015 Yamaha R-1 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Apr 2017)

Remarks: Rider was struck by another motorcycle rider when the other rider crossed into the rider’s lane in an attempt to make a U-turn. There were no injuries reported with this mishap, and minor damage was reported.

14 Feb 2020/1900L - E-4 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Harley Davidson Sportster (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Mar 2019) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider made a U-turn and hit a curb, which resulted in the rider losing control of the motorcycle. Rider treated for a fractured foot at the local hospital and released.

14 Feb Jan 2020/1230L – 20-year-old, E-1 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 HUSQVARNA 701 (Dirt Bike)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Apr 2019) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider lost control of the motorcycle while making a sharp turn, causing rider to lay down the bike. Rider was transported to the local hospital, treated for an ankle sprain, and released.

07 Feb 2020/1800L – 31-year-old, E-6 Location: Unknown, NC

Yr./Make/Model: 2018 Harley Davidson Road Glide (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Mar 2017) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider was on liberty and involved in a minor accident when another vehicle came in contact with the rider’s motorcycle. No injuries reported, and only minor paint damage reported to the vehicle.

07 Feb 2020/0930L – 24-year-old, E-4 Location: Honolulu, HI

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Honda (UNK)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Oct 2019) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider lost control of the motorcycle while riding on the highway and crashed. Rider was transported to a local hospital, and was treated for road rash and released.

5 Feb 2020/0710L – 21-year-old, E-2 Location: Imperial Beach, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Harley Davidson (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Aug 2019) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider lost control of the motorcycle when rider ran over metal construction plates and laid down the bike. No other vehicles were involved. Rider was transported to a local hospital, treated, and released with minor injuries.

05 Feb 2020/2130L – 23-year-old, E-5 Location: Camp Pendleton, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2007 Suzuki GSXR (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Aug 2019) / LVL II (Dec 2019)

Remarks: Rider lost control of the motorcycle after hitting a curb and was ejected. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for broken collarbone and injuries to the left foot.

05 Feb 2020/1500-1730L – 30-year-old, E-5 Location: Twenty Nine Palms, CA

Yr./Make/Model: NR

PPE: NR

License: NR

Training: NR

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash on the I-10 overpass at CA HWY 62. Rider was transported to a local hospital where rider was admitted and treated for a pneumothorax injury, loss of majority of the left lung, broken arm, and broken jaw.

05 Feb 2020/2130L – 23-year-old, E-3 Location: Palm Springs, CA

Yr./Make/Model: NR

PPE: NR

License: NR

Training: NR

Remarks: Rider involved in a motorcycle crash on the freeway, no further information.

04 Feb 2020/1600L -32-year-old, E-5 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2013 Honda Shadow (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Mar 2019)/ Level II (Jan 2020)

Remarks: Rider was driving southbound on I-5 when another vehicle entered the lane the rider was driving in and struck the rider’s motorcycle. Rider was transported to a local hospital, and was treated for an injured foot and released.

03 Feb 2020/1330L -21-year-old, E-4 Location: La Jolla, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Suzuki GSXR (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Sept 2018) / Level II (Jan 2019)

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash, no further information.