**RIDER DOWN REPORT**

**USN Rider Fatalities for FY 20:……... 3 Total Navy Motorcycle mishaps reported in WESS for FY 20: 77**

**USMC Rider Fatalities for FY 20:…... 4 Total USMC Motorcycle mishaps reported in WESS for FY 20: 38**

**USN/USMC Riders Died this report: 0/1 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 as part of their 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 covering this time period: January 2020**

Based on data from the motorcycle industry, motorcycle sales in the United States have dropped by about 4 %, but the number of riders in the Department of the Navy in the past five years has remained constant, with approximately 18,000 service members identified as either being a motorcycle owner or rider.

With the DON PMV2 community remaining consistent in their number of riders, we need to build a strong relationship with every motorcycle rider. Let them know how concerned you are for their safety and do not want to see them involved in any mishap.

Now is the time to ask questions, coach riders, provide mentorship, ensure all training, licensing, and records are up to date. Open discussions may resolve many of the issues with riding and how to manage the risk associated with it, but most importantly, how to manage the risk.

Some of learn by talking through experience while others learn by either hands on or have first-hand knowledge from a crash or near-crash. We can all learn from one another by sharing information and acquired experiences. Do not put yourself in a situation where you could be involved in a crash, and if it does occur, have a game plan or strategy to deal with it.

When riding, think of who you are sharing space with and how you, as a rider, are going to handle something that may occur within that space.

Visit the NHTSA link attached for a “Riders helping Riders” guide for useful tips to help us all as motorcycle riders look out for one another.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/810908.pdf>

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**Fatal Mishaps**

12 Jan 2020/1902L – 22-year-old E1 Location: Wichita, KS

Yr./Make/Model: Unknown

PPE: Unk

License: Unk

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

Remarks: Rider was riding motorcycle when it stalled in the center lane of the highway. Rider was struck by another vehicle and that driver then fled the scene. Rider pronounced deceased.

**Non-Fatal Mishaps:**

28 Jan 2020/345L – 27-year-old, E-5 Location: Imperial Beach, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 BMW (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was traveling west bound and took a right turn. The wheels on the motorcycle lost traction, and the bike fell to the ground on its right side. Rider was evaluated by medical personnel and found to have no injuries. No other vehicles were involved.

28 Jan 2020/1900L- 23-year-old, E-3 Location: Pensacola, FL

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Suzuki GSXR750 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Sep 2019)

Remarks: Rider was exiting the interstate and merged around a sharp turn when the motorcycle left the roadway and went onto the grass. The front end of the tire slid, and the motorcycle flipped. Rider was transported to the hospital via ambulance, treated for a broken collarbone, and released.

28 Jan 2020/1630L- 24-year-old, E-6 Location: Halawa Heights, HI

Yr./Make/Model: NR

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Mar 2017) / Level II (Jan 2020)

Remarks: Rider was struck from behind by another vehicle. Rider swerved to avoid collision with another vehicle. Rider was treated for a shoulder injury at the Army medical center and released.

25 Jan 2020/1430L – 37-year-old, E-8 Location: Castle Rock, CO

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Victory Cruiser (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (May 2018)

Remarks: Rider and passenger hit a patch of ice at 15MPH while maneuvering a turn. Rider lost control of the motorcycle, resulting in both Rider and passenger being ejected from the motorcycle. Rider and passenger were transported to a local hospital, where Rider was treated for a broken right wrist and minor shoulder injury.

24 Jan 2020/2100L – 23-year-old, E-4 Location: Honolulu, HI

Yr./Make/Model: 2009 Triumph Bonneville (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider lost control of the motorcycle while changing lanes. Rider was treated for abrasions to the forearms, hands, legs, and abdomen and placed on light limited duty

24 Jan 2020/0330L – 26-year-old, E-6 Location: Chula Vista, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2018 Aprilia Tuono (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level II (Aug 2019)

Remarks: Rider involved in a single vehicle motorcycle accident. Rider transported to the local hospital and was treated for abrasions on the left hand, and wrist, and both knees.

23 Jan 2020/0720L – 24-year-old, E-5 Location: Long Beach, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2019 Yamaha R1 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level II (Dec 2017)

Remarks: Rider was riding to work when another vehicle entered their lane and struck Rider. Rider was transported to a local military medical facility, treated for minor injuries, and released.

22 Jan 2020/1700 L- 37-year-old, E-6 Location: San Diego, CA

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

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level II (Apr 2018)

Remarks: Rider was driving home when they were cut off by another vehicle. Rider lost control of the motorcycle and fell off. Rider drove home, and their spouse took them to a local emergency room where the Rider was treated for minor injuries and released.

21 Jan 2020/1205L – 19-year-old, E-3 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2010 Harley Davidson (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Jul 2019)

Remarks: Rider was turning onto the on-ramp and ran over a patch of gravel. Rider lost control of the motorcycle and laid the bike down. Rider sent to medical for evaluation.

18 Jan 2020/1057L – 40-year-old Location: Riverside, CA

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

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Apr 2012) / Level II (Oct 2018)

Remarks: Rider was on a group ride at the rear of the pack and was hit from behind. Rider suffered a broken leg and a torn meniscus.

17 Jan 2020/1800L – 31-year-old, E-6 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2015 Harley Davidson XL883N (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was traveling northbound at approximately 35MPH when the vehicle in front of Rider abruptly stopped to merge into the left lane. Rider lost rear wheel traction during abrupt stopping, resulting in laying the motorcycle down on the left side. Rider was able to dismount motorcycle before impact. Rider was seen at naval hospital and treated for a tendon injury on the right hand and was released.

15 Jan 2020/0640L – 29-year-old, E-5 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2007 Suzuki GSX-R600 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Feb 2016) / Level II (Sept 2017)

Remarks: Rider collided with another vehicle that entered their lane. Rider was transported to the local hospital, treated for a fractured hand, and released.

14 Jan 2020/1600L – 36-year-old, E-8 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2019 Harley Davidson XL883N (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was traveling north and was stopped at red light, when a truck struck Rider. The impact resulted in the Rider being ejected from the motorcycle. Rider did not sustain any injuries.

12 Jan 2020/1930L – 21-year-old, E-4 Location: Goose Creek, SC

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Honda Cruiser V2-750 (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: No, Permit Only

Training: Level I (Oct 2019)

Remarks: Rider was in a motorcycle crash and missed work for greater than 24 hours. Rider has a valid permit but was in violation of permit restrictions.

11 Jan 2020/1000L- 21-year-old, E-4 Location: Jacksonville, FL

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Kawasaki Ninja 650 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was attending a car/motorcycle show, and applied excessive throttle to the motorcycle. The front wheel popped up and Rider was thrown from motorcycle. Rider received minor injuries.

10 Jan 2020/1810L – 24-year-old, E-4 Location: Virginia Beach, VA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Kawasaki Z400 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Aug 2018)

Remarks: Rider was driving south and did not notice a vehicle stopped at the green light and ran into the stopped vehicle at approximately 30MPH. Rider transported to a local hospital, treated for a broken left arm.

10 Jan 2020/2020L- 40-year-old, E-6 Location: Virginia Beach, VA

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

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider struck by another vehicle while passing through an intersection. Rider was transported to a local hospital, treated for unknown minor injuries, and released.

7 Jan 2020/0705L – 30-year-old, E-5 Location: National City, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2014 Triumph Daytona 675R (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Dec 2017) / Level II (Feb 2018)

Remarks: Rider was riding to Naval Base San Diego. Rider attempted to merge and collided with a US Border Patrol SUV. Rider was rendered unconscious from the force of the impact with the roadway and was transported to a local hospital, treated for a broken left wrist, index, and middle fingers, and was diagnosed with a minor concussion.

6 Jan 2020/1930L – 19-year-old, E-3 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 00 Kawasaki Ninja 650 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Dec 2019)

Remarks: Rider was traveling south on Hwy 75, and lost control of the motorcycle when attempting to exit the highway. Rider was treated for a fractured clavicle and released.

5 Jan 2020/1400L – 31-year-old, E-6 Location: Chino Hills, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 2004 Yamaha YZ250 (Dirt bike)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was riding dirt bike downhill on a trail, hit a patch of ice, and was ejected onto rocks. Rider was treated for a broken finger and sprained thumb at the local medical facility and released.

4 Jan 2020/2150L – 30-year-old, E-5 Location: San Diego, CA

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

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level II (Nov 2019)

Remarks: Rider involved in a motorcycle crash while traveling northbound on Miramar Way. Rider was transported to the Medical Center, treated for road rash, and released.