**RIDER DOWN REPORT**

**USN Rider fatalities for FY 20:……... 5 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: 1/0 Total Motorcycle mishaps this report: 17**

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 May 2020**

You can tell prime riding weather has finally arrived on the east coast because 13 of the 17 incidents in this month’s Rider Down Report occurred on the east coast and seven in the MIDLANT region.

The Navy has currently suspended all motorcycle training (ALSAFE 007/20) as a control measure for COVID-19; several states have closed DMV’s or businesses that may provide additional alternative motorcycle training. The message clearly states, “if a SNM is unable to obtain the appropriate licensing or endorsement from a licensing authority or a previously held exemption expires, the service member must not ride.” If you have not taken an LVL I course, you cannot ride. If you have completed a LVL I course but not taken an LVL II course with the 60-day requirement, it has been extended to 120 days.

I hope that as we move forward, training will come back. Keep in mind if you want to get the training, you may want to check out some local community colleges, civilian motorcycle schools, or local motorcycle dealerships. Keep in mind this may be at your own expense.

Bottom line no matter what, before you ride, you need training.

Enjoy the great weather; now, a motorcyclist fully understands why a dog sticks their head out of a car/truck window.

Michael Borkowski

**Fatal Mishaps**

10 May 2020/0150L - 26-year-old, E-6 Location: Jacksonville, FL

Yr./Make/Model: 2019 Kawasaki Ninja (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider lost control while negotiating a turn on Middleburg Road. EMS pronounced rider deceased on scene.

**Non-Fatal Mishaps:**

31 May 2020/1705L - 29-year-old, E-5 Location: Norfolk, VA

Yr./Make/Model: NR

PPE: Yes

License: NR

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

Remarks: Rider involved in a motorcycle crash and transported to Norfolk General Hospital for injuries. The rider has no recollection of the crash.

31 May 2020/1930L - 23-year-old, E-4 Location: Virginia Beach, VA

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

PPE: Yes

License: NR

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

Remarks: Rider lost control of the motorcycle after leaving a signal light. The rider transported to Norfolk General Hospital and treated for a fractured foot.

30 May 2020/0000L - 24-year-old, E-5 Location: Ocotillo, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Dirt Bike

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was riding up an incline and lost control, causing the dirt bike to flip forward, throwing the rider to the ground. Rider was transported to El Centro Medical and treated for injuries to both arms.

26 May 2020/0150L - 24-year-old, E-4 Location: Virginia Beach, VA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Dirt Bike

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was traveling through a parking lot, lost control, and fell off the motorcycle. Rider treated at Portsmouth Naval Hospital for a fractured thumb and road rash.

22 May 2020/0000L - 30-year-old, E-6 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Harley Davidson Chopper (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Aug 2017) / Level II (Dec 2017)

Remarks: Rider was stopped at the signal light and was struck from behind. Rider and spouse transported to Scripps Mercy Hospital, admitted for a broken foot, and dislocated pelvis.

19 May 2020/0000L - 30-year-old, E-5 Location: Oklahoma City, OK

Yr./Make/Model: 2018 Kawasaki Z900 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Jul 2018) / Level II (Aug 2018)

Remarks: Rider was traveling WB on I-40 when two other motorcycle riders, mishap rider, and another vehicle were involved in a multiple-vehicle crash. No further information.

15 May 2020/1758L - 19-year-old, E-2 Location: Whiteville, NC

Yr./Make/Model: 2016 Yamaha YZFR6 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Feb 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider inadvertently applied the front brake and crashed. The rider was transported to New Hanover Medical and admitted for injuries.

15 May 2020/1720L - 25-year-old, E-4 Location: Jacksonville, NC

Yr./Make/Model: 2008 Honda CBR600 (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider ran into the rear of another vehicle, causing the rider to lose control and be ejected from the motorcycle. Rider transported to New Hanover Medical and admitted for several broken bones and road rash.

07 May 2020/1615L - 20-year-old, E-3 Location: Indian Head, MD

Yr./Make/Model: 2000 Suzuki SV650 (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: No

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

Remarks: Rider lost control in a curve and was ejected from the motorcycle. Rider was transported to Prince George Hospital for a broken femur.

06 May 2020/1630L - 26-year-old, E-6 Location: Jacksonville, FL

Yr./Make/Model: 2019 Kawasaki Ninja (Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was making a left turn when an oncoming vehicle appeared to be over the centerline. Rider left the roadway down a hill and fell off motorcycle. Rider reported to NBHC Mayport for shoulder pain.

04 May 2020/1930L - 51year-old, E-8 Location: Chesapeake, VA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Apollo DB-X5 Dirt Bike

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Jun 2010) / Level II (Apr 2018)

Remarks: Rider lost control while making a turn and fell. The rider was transported to Norfolk General Hospital for injuries.

03 May 2020/2030L - 31-year-old, E-6 Location: Virginia Beach, VA

Yr./Make/Model: NR

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was merging lanes when rider was struck by a hit and run vehicle. Rider transported to local hospital for leg and ankle injuries.

01 May 2020/1800L - 33-year-old, E-6 Location: Norfolk, VA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Harley Davidson Street Glide (Non-Sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Jul 2014) / Level II (Feb 2018)

Remarks: Rider was cut off by another vehicle and laid the motorcycle down to avoid the collision. Rider transported to Norfolk General Hospital for injuries, was treated, and released.

01 May 2020/2000L - 19-year-old, E-1 Location: Norfolk, VA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Moped/Scooter

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider lost control while avoiding a vehicle that stopped suddenly. Rider treated for a fractured elbow.

01 May 2020/1400L - 26-year-old, E-6 Location: Perris, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Honda Dirt Bike

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider was at a closed track conducting motocross training and lost control in a turn at a high rate of speed. Rider transported to Inland Valley Medical and treated for a fractured left fibula.

01 May 2020/0000L - 25-year-old, E-5 Location: Jacksonville, FL

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

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

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

Remarks: Rider involved in a motorcycle crash, transported to local hospital for severe injury and leg amputation. No further information.