



This report is a monthly update of motorcycle mishaps that occurred throughout the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The data in this publication reflects what was reported during the time period covered.



This information contained in the report is based on preliminary information and is provided for hazard awareness and training purposes only.



The Naval Safety Command recommends Motorcycle Safety Representatives use this information for training and mentorship programs and forward to others who may have an interest.

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Navy	Total mishaps this report: 38 Total fatalities this report: 5	Marine Corps
Rider fatalities this report: 4 Rider fatalities for FY 23: 11		Rider fatalities this report: 1 Rider fatalities for FY 23: 3

The heat is on for motorcycle safety

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Summer is a beautiful time of year to ride – just remember to wear your proper personal protective equipment (PPE). Although you may want to wear a short-sleeved shirt and shorts, riding is not the time to skimp on your PPE. Remember to wear a Department of Transportation-approved helmet, riding gloves, riding boots and leather clothing. The proper PPE may mean the difference between walking away from an accident or getting a ride to the local hospital – or worse.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer are here. This time period began Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day weekend. During this time in 2022, the Department of the Navy lost five Sailors and three Marines from PMV-2 mishaps, a fatality rate of 27%.

Historically, there are more drivers on the road during the summer months, many of them vacationing, which may mean more drivers not paying attention. Don't put yourself in a situation you can't get out of. Make sure drivers can see or at least hear you. Motorcycle Safety Representatives –hold meetings with your riders to discuss different scenarios and use risk management to mitigate those risks. If a car pulls out in front of you, how will you react? Before the ride, make some risk-based decisions on how to handle different situations should

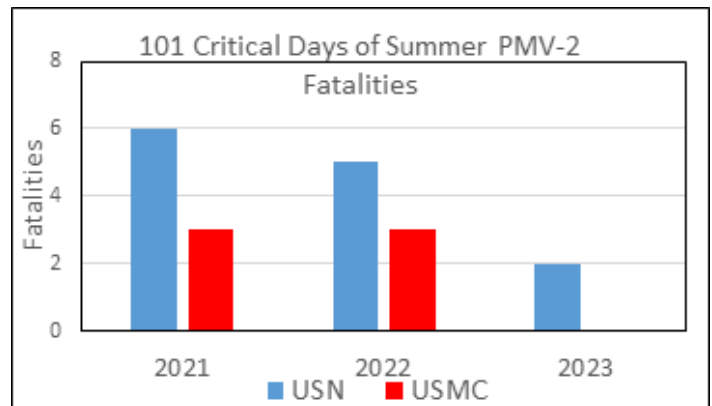


Figure 1. The above graph depicts the Navy and Marine Corps' reported motorcycle fatalities during the 101 Critical Days of Summer over the past three years.

they arise. Check out the following website for information on making your rides safer and more fun: <https://msf-usa.org/ride-along-with-dr-ray/>

For more summer safety information to ensure an enjoyable and safe summer, go to the 2023 101 Critical Days of Summer presentation her: <https://navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/Stand-Down/Safety-Stand-Down/>

Be safe out there, and enjoy the ride – summer is here.



Motorcycle Mishaps

May 2023



Motorcycle Mishap Legend

NR represents information not reported

Red entries represent Marine Corps-specific mishaps

Fatal Mishaps (All times local) (5)

May 2, time and age NR, E-4 (RMI 283927 – under investigation)
Location: Charleston, South Carolina
Remarks: Rider was speeding, which resulted in an accident, where rider succumbed to injuries at the scene.

May 5, time and age NR, E-6 (RMI 309113 – under investigation)
Location: Manama, Bahrain
Remarks: While riding alongside two other motorcycle riders while exiting an off-ramp, rider lost control, impacted a guardrail and succumbed to injuries at the scene.

May 22, 1:43 p.m., age NR, E-4 (RMI 186879 – under investigation)
Location: Yuma, Arizona
Remarks: Rider collided with a tractor-trailer and succumbed to injuries at the scene.

May 25, 4:30 p.m., age NR, E-4 (RMI 227468 – under investigation)
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was traveling on a motorcycle when a vehicle pulled out of a side parking lot into the member's path, causing the motorcycle to strike the vehicle's left panel. The service member was ejected into oncoming traffic and succumbed to injuries at the scene.

May 26, 11:30 a.m., age NR, E-6 (RMI 791405 – awaiting quality control)
Location: Bangor, Washington
Remarks: Rider attempted to pass a pickup truck towing a recreational camper. While the rider was passing, the pickup truck turned left to exit the road. Rider collided with the rear driver-side door. The collision resulted in the service member suffering a broken neck and succumbed to injuries at the scene.

Nonfatal Mishaps (All times local) (38)

May 1, 6:40 a.m., age NR, E-9 (RMI 637143 – closed)
Location: Woodbridge, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was blinded by the sun's glare and slowed down, but could not see the van stopped in front. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured wrist.

May 1, 6:18 a.m., 38-year-old E-5 (RMI 225250 – closed)
Location: Jacksonville, Florida
Remarks: Rider was struck from behind by a PMV-4 while yielding to traffic. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured pelvis, crushed leg and spinal fracture. Rider is still hospitalized and expected to heal for at least four months.

May 2, 7:25 a.m., 27-year-old E-5 (RMI 885083 – awaiting quality control)
Location: Pensacola, Florida
Remarks: Rider ran a red light and collided with a PMV-4 that was making a left turn. Rider was transported to a local hospital, treated for cuts and abrasions on the lower left leg and assigned 14 days of limited light duty.

May 2, 9:34 a.m., 30-year-old E-5 (RMI 449716 – under investigation)
Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Remarks: After losing control, rider was thrown off the motorcycle, sliding 50 feet. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for several injuries.

May 2, 8:02 p.m., age NR, E-5 (RMI 775174 – awaiting quality control)
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider accelerated from a stop sign and was struck by a PMV-4. Rider did not go to a local hospital.

May 2, 8:30 p.m., age NR, E-3 (RMI 248877 – closed)
Location: Jacksonville, North Carolina
Remarks: Rider struck a deer, lost control and lost consciousness. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for abrasions.

May 3, 3 p.m., age NR, E-3 (RMI 155592 – closed)
Location: Jacksonville, Florida
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 that ran a red light. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor scrapes and bruising to right torso.

May 3, 3 p.m., 22-year-old E-4
Location: Jacksonville, Florida
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 that was switching lanes. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

May 3, 3:30 p.m., 45-year-old E-8
Location: Port Orchard, Washington
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 that failed to yield in a roundabout. Rider did not go to the hospital.

May 4, 5:50 a.m., 21-year-old E-4 (RMI 389736 – closed)
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider was splitting lanes when a PMV-4 switched lanes and caught the rider's leg in their front tire well; however, rider was able to maintain control. Rider went to a local hospital and was treated for twisting their foot 90 degrees.

May 4, 7 a.m., age NR, E-5 (RMI 249430 – under investigation)
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider lost control and fell off the motorcycle. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a back muscle injury.

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navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/Resources/Motorcycle-Rider-Down-Reports-Newsletters

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May 4, 6 p.m., age NR, E-5 (RMI 914433 – closed)

Location: Port Royal, South Carolina
Remarks: Rider swerved to avoid a collision and hit a pothole. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured clavicle.

May 5, 9:30 p.m., 23-year-old E-5 (RMI 423624 – closed)

Location: Tulare Villa, California
Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle accident, transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

May 6, 12:45 a.m., 41-year-old E-7 (RMI 768085 – under investigation)

Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4, transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured pelvis, leg, ribs and collarbone. Rider remains a patient in the hospital.

May 8, 12:52 p.m., 24-year-old E-5 (RMI 700722 – under investigation)

Location: Tuxedo, New York
Remarks: Rider rode through a pothole in a blind turn and lost control. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured nose, sprained ankle and abrasions on the leg.

May 8, 4 p.m., 40-year-old E-7 (RMI 759961 – under investigation)

Location: Middleburg, Florida
Remarks: Rider stopped abruptly to avoid a collision and lost control. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

May 9, 5:15 a.m., age and pay grade NR (RMI 766752 – awaiting closure)

Location: Temecula, California
Remarks: Rider was splitting lanes on the way to work when a PMV-4 clipped their tire. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for cuts and bruising.

May 9, 4:15 p.m., 51-year-old E-9 (RMI 457956 – awaiting closure)

Location: Townsend, Washington
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 while in line to depart a ferry. Rider did not go to the hospital.

May 9, 4:45 p.m., 24-year-old E-5 (RMI 857317 – under investigation)

Location: Escondido, California
Remarks: Rider lost control and struck a guard rail on an exit ramp. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured rib, hip and punctured lung.

May 10, 4:30 p.m., 41-year-old E-8 (RMI 527838 – under investigation)

Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider was in the left lane and was struck by a PMV-4 making a U-turn from the right lane. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

May 11, 7 p.m., 22-year-old E-4 (RMI 491321 – under investigation)



Chief Mineman Joshua Royer, a recruit division commander at the U.S. Navy's only boot camp, Recruit Training Command, participates in a motorcycle class in Camp Barry aboard Naval Station Great Lakes, Illinois, Aug. 23, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by John Sheppard)

Location: Washington, District of Columbia
Remarks: Rider lost control while riding over spilled oil. Passenger was transported to a local hospital and treated for third-degree burns and right hand and leg injuries.

May 12, 12:30 a.m., 22-year-old E-2 (RMI 946571 – under investigation)

Location: Pensacola, Florida
Remarks: While exiting a roundabout in the rain, rider hydroplaned and lost control. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries. Rider had no license and did not complete any motorcycle safety courses.

May 13, 3 a.m., age NR, E-5 (RMI 520048 – under investigation)

Location: NR
Remarks: Rider was in an accident, transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured leg.

May 13, 6:55 p.m., 32-year-old E-6 (RMI 119124 – closed)

Location: Honolulu, Hawaii
Remarks: Rider was involved in an accident, transported to a local hospital and treated for a left ankle sprain.

May 14, 12 p.m., 29-year-old E-4 (RMI 924264 – awaiting supervisor review)

Location: Coronado, California
Remarks: While attending the basic rider course, rider lost control in a turn. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

May 14, 9 p.m., age NR, E-5 (RMI 898098 – under investigation)

Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Remarks: Rider turned too fast and lost control. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a dislocated wrist and torn ligaments. Rider was not wearing head, eye or foot protection.

May 17, 3:45 p.m., 22-year-old E-4 (RMI 842690 – under investigation)

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U.S. Marines with 2d Marine Division (MARDIV) participate in a motorcycle awareness event on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, April 21, 2023. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Ethan Miller)

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Location: Oahu, Hawaii
Remarks: Rider lost traction from loose gravel on the road impacting the tunnel wall . Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

May 18, 7:30 p.m., 27-year-old E-5 (RMI 403533 – under investigation)
Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico
Remarks: Rider lost traction on loose gravel, was transported to a local hospital and treated for spleen, kidneys, liver and lung injuries.

May 19, 7:30 p.m., 22-year-old E-4 (RMI 577258 – under investigation)
Location: Gulfport, Mississippi
Remarks: Rider was leaning too far into a curve and fell. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for lacerations to the stomach, right foot, elbow and hand.

May 20, 12 a.m., 22-year-old, E-3 (RMI 596798 – under investigation)
Location: Fredericksburg, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was involved in a collision with a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for left hip dislocation, left femur fracture, left forearm fracture, pneumothorax on both sides and a spine fracture.

May 20, 2 p.m., 23-year-old E-5 (RMI 756638 – under investigation)
Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Remarks: Rider was struck from the rear by a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for severe road rash.

May 20, 9 p.m., 32-year-old E-6
Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 hit-and-run driver. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured collarbone and ribs.

May 21, 5 a.m., age NR, E-5
Location: Charleston, South Carolina
Remarks: Rider struck a guardrail and lost control. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for spleen and liver lacerations, renal artery injuries, kidney damage, a shoulder fracture and T6 and T7 spine fractures.

May 24, time, age and rate NR (RMI 641450 – under investigation)
Location: Bells, North Carolina
Remarks: A wheel came off the motorcycle during a ride, and the rider experienced multiple rollovers, suffering minor injuries. Rider was transported to a local hospital, treated for injuries and released.

Remarks: During a ride, a wheel came off the motorcycle, causing rider to roll over multiple times. Rider was transported to a local hospital, treated for minor injuries and released.

May 25, 4 p.m., age NR, O-2 (RMI 559270 – under investigation)
Location: Pensacola, Florida
Remarks: Rider was rear-ended by a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor bruising .

May 29, 11:30 a.m., age NR, E-4 (RMI 191678 – awaiting closure)
Location: Weslaco, Texas
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 that failed to yield. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

May 30, 10 a.m., age NR, E-5 (RMI 759706 – awaiting closure)
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider lost control while traveling over trolley rails. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries to the right elbow and hip.

May 30, 2:15 p.m., age NR, E-5
Location: Wilmington, California
Remarks: Rider was speeding, lost control of the motorcycle and flipped two to three times. Rider's head impacted a tree, which forced the helmet to come off and impacted another tree. Rider was transported to a local hospital and is currently in stable condition.



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