



A monthly update of motorcycle mishaps that occurred throughout the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The reported data reflects the time period covered with exceptions noted.



This 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.



Obtain official mishap data from the Naval Safety Command

Navy	Total mishaps this report: 28	Marine Corps
Rider fatalities this report: 2		Rider fatalities this report: 0
Rider fatalities for FY 23: 2	Total fatalities this report: 2	Rider fatalities for FY 23: 0

Cooler weather brings increased hazards

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In FY22, the Navy and Marine Corps lost 23 service members to motorcycle accidents, which is a decrease from FY21, which saw 26 lives lost. The most common factor was speed or being a victim of other people’s negligence. The average fatality cost, using Department of Transportation’s latest guidelines, estimate \$11.8 million per person, which does not calculate the pain and suffering the service members’ family, co-workers and fleet experience.

As we enter into FY23 and the fall season, motorcycle safety representatives, take the time to inspect your riders’ motorcycles, T-CLOCS! (Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis and Stands.) The fall brings colder weather, so dress for success; start layering up on winter gear as needed and don’t forget to stay hydrated.

Remember, leaves on the street can cause hazardous conditions, so be mindful when riding. Also, some of the most beautiful and dangerous wildlife resurface during the fall season. Deer will plague the rural areas with their presence by jumping out onto the roads. Always remain alert and prepared to take evasive maneuvers when required.

Check out the Motorcycle Safety Foundation website for more personal protective equipment information to share with your riders so they can be more visible on the roadways, https://msf-usa.org/downloads/Protective_gear_REV.pdf

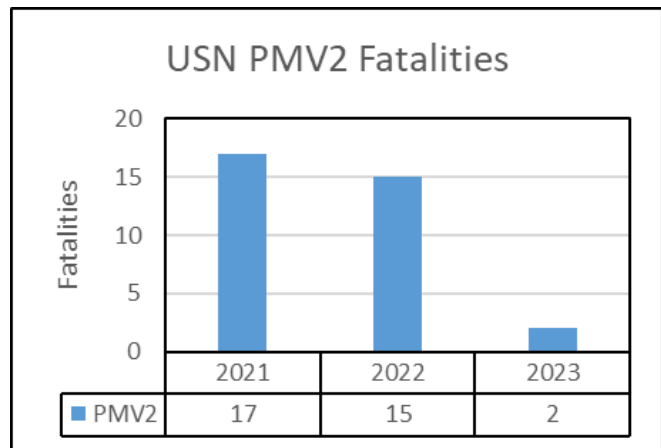


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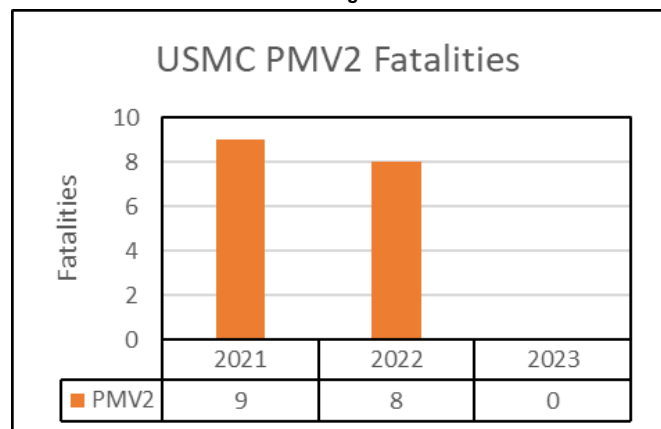


Fig. 2



Motorcycle Mishaps

October 2022



Motorcycle Mishap Legend

NR represents information not reported

Red entries represent Marine Corps-specific mishaps

Fatal Mishaps (All times local)

Oct 16, 2:15 a.m., E-5
Location: Augusta, Georgia
Remarks: Rider lost control of their motorcycle and collided with a guardrail. Rider succumbed to their injuries at the scene.

Oct. 10, 10:27 p.m., E-3
Location: Chesapeake, Virginia
Remarks: Rider traveling to NAVSTA Norfolk, when they lost control of their motorcycle, which led to laying the bike down and in turn, was struck by a PMV-4. Rider succumbed to their injuries at the scene.

Nonfatal Mishaps (All times local)

Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m., age NR, E-5
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was struck from behind by PMV-4. Rider transported to a local hospital and treated for a concussion.

Oct. 26, 7 a.m., age NR, E-4
Location: Portsmouth, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was approaching the tunnel while traveling to work. Vehicle in front unexpectedly slammed on their brakes causing the Rider to lock rear brake and safely tap front brakes to slow down in time to avoid collision. The wet road caused the Rider to lose control. Rider laid down the motorcycle to reduce speed and injury. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for minor pain.

Oct. 25, 7:15 a.m., 38-year-old E-6
Location: Temecula, California
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 while transiting to work. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Oct. 23, 6:05 a.m., age NR, E-5
Location: Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle accident. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured femur and other injuries.

Oct. 21, 11:55 a.m., age NR, E-6
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: Rider collided with a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for an injured wrist, right ankle, right shoulder, right elbow and abdominal pain.

Oct. 18, 3:30 p.m., age NR, E-5
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 turning out of traffic. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a sprained left ankle.

Oct. 18, 1 p.m., age NR, E-5
Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Remarks: Rider struck a marker during the Basic Riders Course. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for three fractured ribs, a sprained ankle, bruised sternum and scapula.

Oct. 17, 3 p.m., 26-year-old E-6
Location: Lemoore, California
Remarks: Rider was struck by an oncoming PMV-4 from an adjacent dirt road. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for surgery on right foot.

Oct. 14, 5 p.m., age NR, E-3
Location: Yulee, Florida
Remarks: Rider struck a PMV-4 when a car in front of him came to a sudden stop. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for two fractured bones in lower right leg.

Oct. 12, 5:20 p.m., age NR, E-3
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider was lane splitting and struck a merging PMV-4. Rider transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

Oct. 11, 6:20 a.m., age NR, E-6
Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Remarks: Rider struck a PMV-4. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured right wrist.

Oct. 11, 7:15 a.m., age NR, E-3
Location: Virginia
Remarks: Rider was struck when PMV-4 moved out of exit lane onto road. Rider was not injured.

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Additional Motorcycle Rider Down Reports are available at

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

Motorcycle Mishaps, cont.

Oct. 10, 3:30 p.m., age NR, E-6
Location: Gulfport, Mississippi
Remarks: Rider laid down motorcycle. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for a separated right shoulder and road rash along body.

Oct. 9, 5 p.m., 25-year-old E-6
Location: Pinckneyville, Illinois
Remarks: Rider collided with a deer. Rider transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured arm.

Oct. 9, 3:30 p.m., age NR, E-3
Location: Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
Remarks: Rider put foot down to brace. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for three fractured toes.

Oct. 9, 12 p.m., age NR, E-5
Location: Kailua, Hawaii
Remarks: Rider was practicing turning and leaning to get more comfortable on motorcycle when they lost control attempting a turn and the bike tipped over. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for road rash.

Oct. 7, 5:22 a.m., 23-year-old E-3
Location: Jacksonville, Florida
Remarks: Rider involved in a hit and run accident. Rider transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m., age NR, rank NR
Location: Jacksonville, North Carolina
Remarks: Rider glanced away from the road and when they looked back up, another vehicle was stopped in their lane resulting in a slide into the vehicle. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured spine, arm and upper leg.

Oct. 7, 5:20 p.m., age NR, E-3
Location: Augusta, Georgia
Remarks: Rider struck a PMV-4 when both were merging into the same lane. Rider did not go to a local hospital.

Oct. 6, 4:30 p.m., age NR, E-4
Location: Temecula, California
Remarks: Rider was involved in a single PMV-2 accident due to a mechanical malfunction. Rider was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Oct. 6, 6:45 p.m., age NR, E-4
Location: Yorktown, Virginia
Remarks: Rider lost control when they turned left onto an unpaved road while traveling to work. Rider transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries.

Oct. 5, 10 p.m., 18-year-old E-3
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider was involved in a single motorcycle accident. Rider transported to a local hospital and

treated for fractured wrist and injuries to the kidney and spleen. Rider is in stable condition and remains in the hospital.

Oct. 5, 7:45 a.m., age NR, E-5
Location: Augusta, Georgia
Remarks: Rider rear-ended a PMV-4 while traveling to work. Rider transported to local hospital.

Oct. 5, 7 a.m., age NR, E-6
Location: Mayport, Florida
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for multiple injuries.

Oct. 4, 6 a.m., age NR, E-5
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider involved in a PMV-2 accident. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for a contusion on the left foot.

Oct. 2, 12:13 a.m., age NR, E-5
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider was cut off by a PMV-4, resulting in an accident. Rider transported to a local hospital and treated for a fractured wrist.

Oct. 2, 7:20 a.m., age NR, E-1
Location: Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
Remarks: Rider was involved in a single motorcycle accident. Rider transported to a local hospital, treated for fractured hip, elbow, and damage to the liver and spleen.

Oct. 2, time NR, age NR, rank NR
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle accident. Rider transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries in the ICU. Rider is stable but unconscious.



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