

New fiscal year brings chance to get real, get better with motorcycle safety

By Juan Aguilar

The naval enterprise reported 48 motorcycle crashes in October, with seven resulting in fatalities. California led in motorcycle crashes for the 21st consecutive month with 18 reported – accounting for over a third of the crashes (38%) overall; Florida followed with seven reported crashes equaling 15% of the incidents. Virginia had five crashes comprising 10%. The remaining incidents occurred in various areas throughout the continental United States, as well as Hawaii, Italy and Spain.

Based on October's reporting, 51% of accidents involved riders 25 years old and under, and 65% involved people E-5 and below, continuing the upward trend of crashes occurring amongst our younger and lower-ranked riders. **Accurately reporting individuals' ages is essential for identifying at-risk demographics.**

As FY 25 closed out, the Department of the Navy recorded 45 motorcycle (PMV-2) fatalities, 30 Navy and 15 Marine Corps, surpassing the previous high of 40 fatalities recorded in 2016. This represents a significant departure from the 10-year average of approximately 29 fatalities per year and signals a concerning upward trend that demands focused intervention. The fourth quarter of FY 25 was particularly impactful, elevating the annual total to levels not observed in recent years and underscoring the urgency of renewed emphasis on rider safety.

Analysis of FY 25 data reveals notable shifts in the risk profile of incidents. Collisions with moving vehicles accounted for 37% of all fatalities, a marked increase over the 10-year average of 8.6 per year. Additional increases were observed in motorcycles being run-off-the-road and collisions with animals or stationary objects, suggesting not only greater frequency of incidents, but also evolving risk factors potentially linked to reduced

At a Glance

USN
Rider fatalities this report: 5
Rider fatalities for FY 26: 5

USMC
Rider fatalities this report: 2
Rider fatalities for FY 26 :2

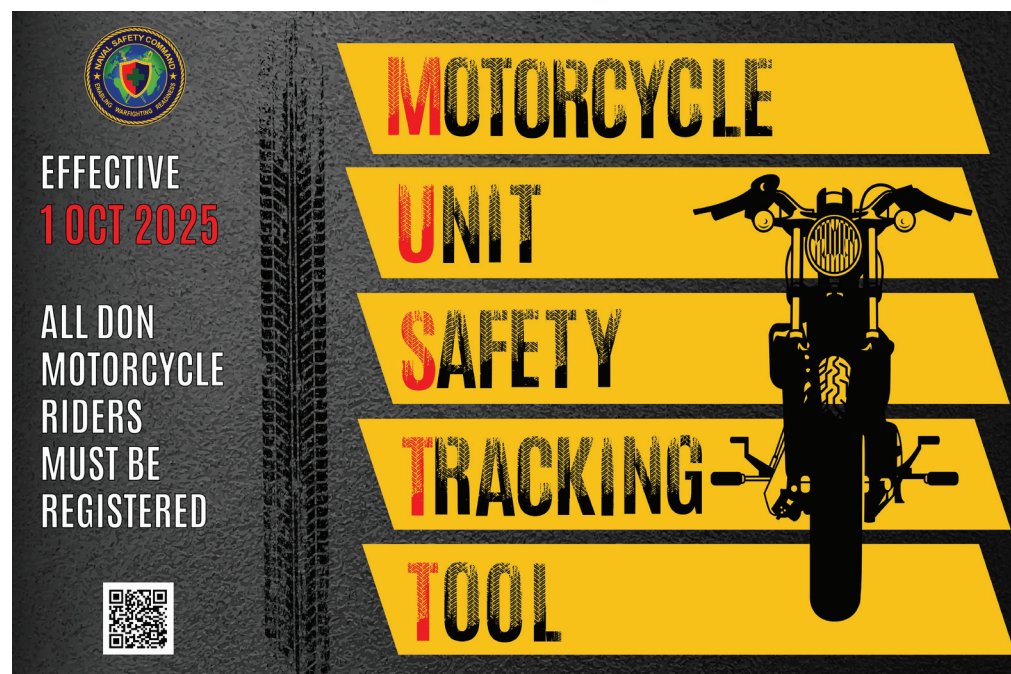
Totals this report
Non-fatal crashes: 41
Fatalities: 7

situational awareness, increased speeds or increasingly complex traffic environments. While helmet usage remains consistently high, it has not offset the fatal consequences of high-speed or multi-vehicle collisions, particularly in off-duty and off-installation settings.

To address these trends, leadership engagement is essential. Proactive identification and mentorship of at-risk riders, defensive riding skills reinforcement and the use of data-driven messaging, particularly real case studies, are recommended to enhance risk awareness and influence behavior. Leaders at all levels must ensure participation in voluntary training opportunities, annual safety stand-downs and targeted skill refreshers. The FY 25 fatality trend highlights the need for immediate and sustained action to embed a culture where off-duty safety is valued as an important part of operational readiness.

As a community, the Navy and Marine Corps must continue to prioritize education, mentorship and accountability in motorcycle operations. Leaders at all levels should ensure riders are not only trained but also encouraged to pursue advanced courses, stay licensed and practice riding defensively. Amid the critical mission of ensuring operational readiness, the diligent efforts of motorcycle safety representatives (MSR), supervisors, collateral duty safety officers and

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command leadership persist in keeping your personnel current with training and licensing.

Detailed and accurate reporting helps ensure the data collected reflects actual circumstances. Comprehensive data allows for identifying patterns and trends, such as common causes, locations or times of day

when crashes occur. Every detail matters in the pursuit of safety. Do not ignore even minor factors, as this raises your risk and may result in a collision. Remove one factor and the crash may not have occurred.

Factors from the crashes are provided on the following pages, and are based on the

information presented in the operations reports and the investigator's reports, most of which are still under investigation. When reviewing the crash narratives consider other factors that may have influenced the mishap. Each one is a call to action for riders to engage, reflect and ask themselves, "What would I have done differently?"

Rider Down: Important tool to have

The *Rider Down* reports are indispensable tools in your arsenal, integral to safety and training briefs. Their detailed insights and analysis are invaluable in understanding the factors contributing to crashes and formulating preventive measures.

To those with Risk Management Information (RMI) access, we've seamlessly integrated the *Rider Down* reports within RMI. Once logged into RMI, click on the left-hand tab under the "Pubs and Refs" homepage and proceed to "Motorcycle Rubber Side Down" to subscribe to and view these publications. The site contains the current motorcycle publications produced by Naval Safety Command for Navy and Marine Corps MSRs, riders and safety professionals.



Riders participate in alternating track rides during an advanced rider track day event hosted by California Superbike School at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Sept. 19, 2025. The event allowed riders to develop or refine motorcycle handling skills by pushing both the rider and motorcycle to physical and mechanical limits not possible under current on-base training conditions. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Nicholas Figueroa)

By the numbers

- 20 (42%) crashes involved a rollover/overtake.
- 14 (29%) crashes involved colliding with a moving vehicle.
- 5 (10%) crashes had a rider who ran off the road.
- 6 (13%) crashes involved colliding with an animal or object.
- 3 (6%) crashes had no data reported.

By the clock

- 4 a.m.-7:59 a.m. – 6 (14%)
- 8 a.m. - 11:59 a.m. – 5 (10%)
- noon - 3:59 p.m. – 12 (28%)
- 4 p.m. - 7:59 p.m. – 10 (21%)
- 8 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. – 8 (17%)

By the day

- Weekdays - 26 (54%)
- Weekend - 22 (46%)
- No Data – 7 (15%)



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

Information contained in the report is based on preliminary data and is provided for hazard

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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.

Crash data can be obtained from Naval Safety Command.



CRASH REPORTS

Motorcycle Crash Legend

NR represents information not reported

Red entries represent

Marine Corps-specific mishaps

(All times local)

Fatal Crashes

Oct. 1, 5:30 a.m., 19-year-old E-3

Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Remarks: Rider was in transit on their motorcycle when they were struck by a motor vehicle. The rider was transported to a hospital with life-threatening injuries. Unfortunately, the rider later succumbed to their injuries. The rider completed a BRC in 2025.

Oct. 5, 1:30 a.m., 27-year-old E-6

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider was involved in an off-base, off-duty crash resulting in fatal injuries. Alcohol involved.

Oct. 7, 4:25 p.m., 22-year-old E-5

Location: New Braunfels, Texas

Remarks: Rider was involved in a fatal motorcycle crash. A passing medic was first on the scene and reported the rider had no pulse and immediately started CPR. Despite life-saving efforts, the motorcyclist was pronounced deceased.

Oct. 17, 9:45 a.m., 46-year-old O-4

Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash during a military motorcycle safety group ride event. While proceeding through a green light, the rider lost control of the motorcycle and was struck by a semi-truck. The rider was transported to a nearby medical center but was declared deceased shortly thereafter.

Oct. 25, 5:30 a.m., 20-year-old E-3

Location: Laurel, Maryland

Remarks: Rider was killed in an early morning single-vehicle crash. The incident occurred when the motorcycle traveling westbound left the roadway for reasons still under investigation, ejecting the rider. The rider was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Oct. 25, 10:07 p.m., 40-year-old E-3

Location: Hancock County, Mississippi

Remarks: Rider was involved in a fatal motorcycle crash. The rider was airlifted to the University of New Orleans Medical Center via life flight. Unfortunately, he was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival.

Oct. 28, 1:03 p.m., age NR E-3

Location: Irvine, California

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash and was declared deceased at the scene.

Nonfatal Crashes

Oct. 1, 6 a.m., 19-year-old E-3

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider commuting to work was cut off by another motorcycle and crashed into two vehicles. The rider suffered minor injuries and was taken to the emergency room. The rider was wearing full PPE, including a helmet, eye protection, gloves, boots and a jacket. The rider had completed a BRC but did not have a valid driver's license with the motorcycle endorsement.

Oct. 1, 11:30 p.m., 28-year-old E-5

Location: Norfolk, Virginia

Remarks: Rider was leaving their second job and used a GPS app to navigate a route they don't usually take home. While wearing full PPE and a clear visor, they were traveling about 20-25 mph downhill over a bridge when they encountered a black speed bump too late to react safely. They applied the brakes, causing the rear tire to slide out and they fell on their left side. A passing vehicle stopped to assist and after being picked up and taken to the hospital, they were diagnosed with a fractured right thumb and placed on two weeks of LLD with a soft cast.

Oct. 2, 11:30 a.m., 26-year-old E-5

Location: Beaufort, South Carolina

Remarks: During the fourth exercise of BRC, students navigated through various obstacles, followed by a straightaway and a right-hand turn. While attempting the right-hand turn, the rider failed to maintain control of the bike, causing it to depart the turn. The rider lost control, resulting in a fall with the motorcycle landing on their right leg. The rider applied ice and elevated the injury on-site. Two days later, the injured leg continued to affect the rider, prompting them to seek medical care at the on-base medical facility.

Oct. 3, 2:13 p.m., 23-year-old E-4

Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Remarks: Rider was driving their motorcycle home after work when they were struck by a dark grey Ford truck with a Texas license plate in a hit-and-run incident. The rider went to a local urgent care facility and was referred to a hospital for X-rays of their hand. All PPE was worn to include a helmet, eye protection, gloves, boots and jacket. The rider holds a valid motorcycle license and completed a BRC in September 2025, with an ARC scheduled.

Acronyms

ARC: Advanced Rider Course

BRC: Basic Rider Course

ER: emergency room

ERC: Expert Rider Course

GPS: global positioning system

HOV: high occupancy vehicle

LLD: light & limited duty

PPE: personal protective equipment

Oct. 3, 3:40 p.m., 24-year-old grade NR

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: The rider was returning to their residence when, while lane splitting, a car merged into their lane and struck them on the left side. Emergency services transported the rider to hospital. Rider was treated and discharged and placed on SIQ for three days. The rider was adequately equipped with a helmet, eye protection, boots and gloves. Rider has a valid motorcycle license and completed the BRC in August 2022 and the ARC in August 2023.

Oct. 3, 5 p.m., 22-year-old E-3

Location: Oceanside, California

Remarks: Rider was traveling northbound on a local highway in lane 1. They began to legally lane-split between lanes 0 and 1. Another vehicle, also heading north, was in lane 3 and moved abruptly across three lanes to the left, entering HOV lane 0. The vehicle cut off the rider, who was unable to avoid the collision.

Oct. 3, 8 p.m., 25-year-old E-5

Location: New Bern, North Carolina

Remarks: Rider was traveling northbound on the highway after departing a military installation. A vehicle attempted to cross into the median to proceed southbound and turned in front of the rider, leaving no time or space to evade. The rider collided with the vehicle and was subsequently struck by a second vehicle while on the ground, sustaining serious injuries to the lower torso, leg and ankle. The rider was transported by helicopter to a medical center for treatment.

Oct. 4, 12:40 p.m., 20-year-old E-3

Location: Valley Center, California

Remarks: Rider approached a yellow light and locked the rear brake, causing the motorcycle to skid and overturn. Rider sustained multiple abrasions to the left side of the body and a bruised left hip. Rider was transported by EMS to the ER for evaluation and treatment.

Oct. 4, 2 p.m., 42-year-old E-7

Location: Corona, California

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash while lane-splitting on the freeway. Another vehicle collided with the rider causing them to be thrown from the motorcycle. The bike sustained damage and was towed from the scene, while the rider self-transported to a medical center for treatment. Medical evaluation revealed a laceration with exposed bone on the left elbow; pain medication was prescribed and the rider was released back to full duty. The rider was wearing full PPE at the time of the incident, including a helmet, gloves, long pants, boots and a long-sleeve shirt.

Oct. 4, 2 p.m., 27-year-old E-3

Location: Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

Remarks: Rider was operating a motorcycle when they swerved off the road to avoid a vehicle. Rider sustained swelling and contusions to their left arm. Despite the injuries, the rider did not lose any work time. They were able to continue duties without restrictions.

Oct. 5, 9 p.m., 21-year-old E-2

Location: Oak Harbor, Washington

Remarks: Rider purchased a motorcycle from a private seller online. Rider picked up the motorcycle from the seller, intending to bring it back home. While riding back, the rider was blinded by oncoming traffic and crashed into the curb on the side of the road. Emergency services

were called and the rider was transported to a local ER for immediate treatment.

Oct. 7, 11:30 a.m., 24-year-old E-4

Location: Camp Pendleton, California

Remarks: Rider lost control of their motorcycle while trying to keep his wallet from falling out of their back pocket while riding. The distraction caused the rider to lose control, hit gravel and lay the bike down.

Oct. 7, 1:30 p.m., 34-year-old E-7

Location: Cerritos, California

Remarks: Rider lost control of their motorcycle at 35 mph. The rider was thrown from the bike, which landed on top of them. Though the rider stood up and noticed blood seeping through their pants, they declined medical transport. A personal acquaintance drove the rider to hospital, where they received treatment and were later sent home. The rider received 72 hours SIQ for their injuries.

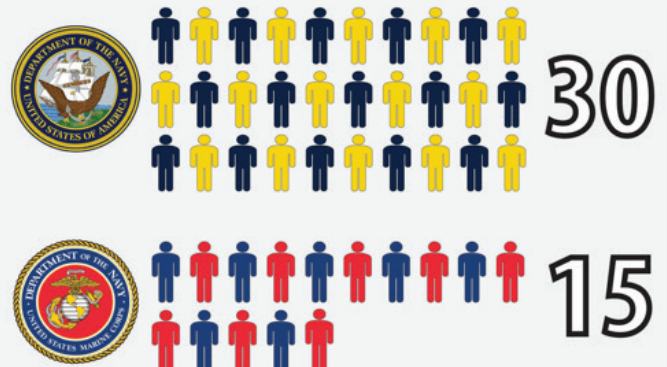
Oct. 7, 3:30 p.m., age NR E-6

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: When crossing the intersection at approximately 30-35 mph, a rider attempted to brake to avoid a collision with a white truck. While braking, the motorcycle's front tire locked up. The white truck, which had a red light and did not have the right of way, continued through the intersection and collided with the rider. The truck then continued driving without stopping. The rider arrived home on the motorcycle and their spouse subsequently transported them to a Navy medical center for treatment.

Motorcycle Crashes The Real Costs in FY25

MOTORCYCLE CRASH DEATHS BY SERVICE



\$9.6
million

Cost per
servicemember
death

\$297.6
million

Total USN
Cost

\$153.6
million

Total USMC
Cost

185
yrs
experience

Estimated
Total

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Oct. 7, 11:30 p.m., age NR E-8

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Remarks: Rider was heading home on their motorcycle with a few fellow riders when, approximately three minutes from home, the rider was struck from behind by a motor vehicle. The impact knocked the rider off his motorcycle and the vehicle fled the scene. The rider's companions transported the injured rider to the ER for injuries, including a sprained neck, wrist and ankle.

Oct. 8, 7:20 a.m., 23-year-old E-5

Location: Wahiawa, Hawaii

Remarks: Rider lost control of their motorcycle due to wet road conditions. They were transported to a medical center by ambulance and released after an X-ray, with no significant injuries. The rider completed the Level 1 BRC and attempted ERC in August 2025. The motorcycle failed its state inspection and repair parts were on order at the time of the incident.

Oct. 8, 2 p.m., 40-year-old CWO-3

Location: Chula Vista, California

Remarks: Rider was struck by a truck while turning into a shopping center. The rider was transported to a medical center via ambulance for injury assessment and was released after being treated for two cuts and bruises. No alcohol or drug use was suspected. The rider was wearing full protective gear, including a helmet, gloves, boots and eye protection. The rider holds a valid motorcycle license and completed a BRC in November 2024. ARC is past due.

Oct. 9, time NR, 39-year-old E-7

Location: Lemoore, California

Remarks: Rider was traveling westbound at approximately 35 mph on a two-lane, undivided road and entered a left turn on a slight downhill. The front tire contacted a sand strip across the road, causing it to lose traction and the motorcycle fell to the left. The rider attempted to correct by applying the rear brake and decelerating, causing the motorcycle to go upright but also swing the rear outward to the left. This redirected the bike to the right, throwing the rider into the embankment, where the rider slid to a stop about 15 feet from the road's edge. The motorcycle landed 25 feet from the road's edge, further down the embankment.

Oct. 9, 5 p.m., 22-year-old E-5

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider was riding at the CA-163S and I-5S exchange off ramp when the traffic in front of them stopped suddenly. This left the rider with no time to brake and forced them to swerve to avoid a collision. As a result, the motorcycle slid out from under the rider, causing minor abrasions and a sprained right ankle. Rider was picked up by a co-worker and transported to hospital for a checkup.

Oct. 10, 4:18 p.m., 26-year-old E-5

Location: Prince George's County, Maryland

Remarks: Rider was traveling southbound in the second lane when he struck the passenger side of another vehicle. The other vehicle was traveling eastbound after making a left turn from the opposite direction. The rider was transported to a medical center via ambulance for treatment of multiple injuries. The rider was issued a citation for "Failure to Control Vehicle Speed on Highway to Avoid Collisions." The rider's PPE consisted of only a helmet at the time of the accident.

Oct. 12, 11 p.m., 21-year-old E-4

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider departed an ice cream shop and headed to a park on a 2025 Suzuki GSRX 600 motorcycle. While cruising on the freeway, the rider took a ramp to merge lanes. A distraction from a speed wobble caused the rider to run over a white reflector with the motorcycle continuing to wobble for about 700 feet until it crashed. The rider was taken to a nearby hospital's ER, where they were diagnosed with a fractured right arm and given 14 days SIQ.

Oct. 13, 4 p.m., 23-year-old E-5

Location: Orange Park, Florida

Remarks: A rider was on the highway and as they passed an entrance ramp, a car aggressively merged across multiple lanes and cut in front of them at close range. The rider locked their brakes and lost control of the vehicle. The other vehicle continued without stopping.

Oct. 13, 4:30 p.m., 24-year-old E-5

Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Remarks: Rider was operating a motorcycle in the middle lane and was struck by a vehicle crossing multiple lanes. The collision resulted in road rash to the knee, shoulder and elbow, along with pain in the back and ribs. Medical assistance was provided at the scene.

Oct. 14, 2 p.m., 24-year-old E-5

Location: Beaufort, South Carolina

Remarks: Rider was operating a motorcycle under clear weather conditions with no visible hazards. While traveling westbound and preparing to turn left at a T-intersection, a vehicle at the stop sign unexpectedly made a left turn, pulling out in front of the rider. To avoid a collision, the rider laid the motorcycle down. The rider sought medical evaluation and was later released with bruised ribs and no other reported injuries. At the time of the incident, the rider had all required documentation, completed necessary training and was wearing the prescribed PPE.



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Oct. 14, 4:30 p.m., 27-year-old E-3

Location: Oceanside, California

Remarks: Rider was departing a military base in rainy and cloudy conditions. While traversing speed bumps at a slow rate of speed, the motorcycle lost traction on the painted surface, resulting in a tip-over. The rider sustained a left shoulder injury and head impact and subsequently sought medical attention at a health clinic.

Oct. 15, 1 p.m., 23-year-old E-5

Location: Mansfield, Texas

Remarks: Rider was traveling to a friend's house on their dad's motorcycle when another vehicle failed to yield and struck the rider head-on. The rider sustained a broken pelvis, an arm fracture and significant blood loss. They were transferred to a medical center in critical condition and required blood transfusions. The rider underwent multiple surgeries within 24-48 hours and is recovering.

Oct. 17, 2:30 p.m., 33-year-old E-6

Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Remarks: Rider was navigating a corner when they encountered grass clippings and pinecones on the road, causing the motorcycle to slip and strike the curb. The rider fell off and slid to a stop suffering superficial injuries.

Oct. 17, 9:30 p.m., 30-year-old O-3

Location: Kirkland, North Carolina

Remarks: Rider left home to pick up keys from their spouse at the airport. While making a turn onto an on-ramp from one highway to another, the rider activated their low beams due to oncoming traffic. As the turn tightened, the rider applied the brakes to slow, but they locked up, ejecting the rider from the motorcycle.

Oct. 18, 7:30 a.m., 23-year-old E-4

Location: Rota, Spain

Remarks: Rider with a passenger were involved in an off-base motorcycle accident resulting in medical care for both riders. The rider completed BRC Level 1 training in November 2024.

Oct. 18, 8:15 a.m., 35-year-old E-6

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider lost control of the bike on gravel while on an off-ramp and laid the bike down. Rider sustained injuries and was transported to hospital by ambulance. The rider was wearing all required PPE, including a helmet, eye protection, boots, gloves and a jacket. The rider holds a valid motorcycle license and completed the ARC in June 2024.

Oct. 18, 8:30 p.m., 28-year-old E-5

Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia

Remarks: Rider lost control of their motorcycle at a stop sign on a local road after pulling the throttle too hard, causing a burnout and throwing them off the bike. The rider sustained a hand fracture and knee road rash. After treatment, they were discharged. The incident was caused by sudden, excessive throttle application, leading to a loss of control.

Oct. 18, NR time, age, rate

Location: NR

Remarks: Rider was operating a motorcycle when they attempted to avoid a collision with a vehicle and hit the curb. The impact caused the rider to be thrown over the motorcycle, resulting in a broken leg.

Oct. 20, 5:40 p.m., 22-year-old E-3

Location: Tacoma, Washington

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash after losing control. The rider sustained serious leg injuries and was transported to the hospital for treatment. Unfortunately, their leg was amputated. The rider was wearing full PPE. It is unknown if the rider held a valid motorcycle license or had completed any safety courses.

Oct. 20, 8:46 p.m., 22-year-old E-5

Location: Quinton, Virginia

Remarks: Rider was riding their motorcycle on the highway when they lost control and laid the bike down on a horseshoe-shaped off-ramp. The rider refused medical attention at the scene. At the time of the mishap, the rider had not completed the motorcycle safety course nor had a motorcycle endorsement on their license.

Oct. 21, 7 p.m., 41-year-old E-7

Location: Lago Patria, Italy

Remarks: Rider was operating the motorcycle when an oil line leaked onto the rear tire, causing a loss of traction. The rider was injured and was taken to the ER, where X-rays confirmed no broken bones, only contusions to the left side (hand and ribs). There were no lost days or limited duties following the incident.

Oct. 23, 6:30 a.m., 34-year-old E-7

Location: Murrieta, California

Remarks: Rider was rear-ended by a vehicle while operating their motorcycle, causing them to be ejected. Rider was transported to the hospital where a medical examination confirmed a broken wrist but no other significant injuries.

Oct. 23, time NR, 22-year-old E-5

Location: Hampton, Virginia

Remarks: Rider was attempting to shift lanes while entering a bend in the road. During the lane change, the rider lost control of the motorcycle. As a result, the motorcycle slid out on the roadway, causing the incident. The rider suffered minor injuries. All proper PPE was worn.

Oct. 23, NR time, age and rank

Location: Pensacola, Florida

Remarks: Rider was operating a motorcycle when they collided with a guardrail. As a result, the rider sustained severe injuries, including the loss of an arm and two punctured lungs.

Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m., 43-year-old E-7

Location: Newport News, Virginia

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash while traveling eastbound on I-64 near Newport News. The rider struck a deer but did not sustain serious injuries. First responders transported rider to hospital for evaluation, where they remained overnight for observation with follow-up care being coordinated with command medical. Rider self-reported the incident and confirmed they were wearing all required PPE at the time of the incident.

Oct. 27, time NR, 24-year-old E-5

Location: San Diego, California

Remarks: Rider was riding their motorcycle when they collided with the rear of a motor vehicle, causing them to lose control. The impact led to significant injury and the rider was transported to hospital and placed in the trauma unit for care.

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Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m., 24-year-old E-5

Location: Waipio, Hawaii

Remarks: Rider was traveling south on a freeway at approximately 55 mph and merging onto another freeway when they hit a pothole, causing them to lose control of the motorcycle and lose consciousness near a guardrail. There was no collision or other party involved. A motorist witnessed the incident and assisted in helping the rider regain consciousness, after which the command was notified. Injuries included a partially collapsed lung, five broken ribs and a broken collarbone.

(Even though the following incidents are not reportable PMV-2 events, they are worth referencing for training purposes.)

Oct. 19, 31-year-old E-6

Location: Onslow County, North Carolina

Remarks: A Marine rider died near Camp Lejeune after reportedly being shot in the chest by a civilian while riding a motorcycle. According to reports, the Marine and the civilian were driving on a public highway

when a confrontation occurred, leading to a verbal altercation and the shooting. The Marine was transported to Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune but succumbed to their injuries. The civilian was arrested later that day. This incident highlights the critical need to remain calm in tense road situations and avoid confrontations; the Marine had recently purchased the motorcycle. The shooting is under investigation by local authorities.

Note: An important reminder for all riders: when motorists fail to notice riders or when riders engage in reckless behavior, they increase the likelihood of crashes. The risks of motorcycling are already big, and reckless actions only compound this danger.

Oct. 13, time and rank NR, O-2

Location: Clemson, South Carolina

Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash and was declared deceased at the scene by medical authorities. The rider was separated less than 120 days from the military.

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