

Naval Safety Command Motorcycle Group Ride Pre-Checklist



We are projected to see between 33-36 motorcycle fatalities by the end of FY25, a number we haven't seen since FY08 (the year before mandatory motorcycle training). You should all be concerned. Safety is everyone's responsibility and there are tools available to assist you and your command. One such tool is putting together a command sponsored motorcycle group ride.

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Mentorship is an enduring relationship between experienced and inexperienced riders. While motorcycling is primarily a solo activity, for many, riding as a group is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Group rides are an excellent opportunity for leaders and Motorcycle Safety Representatives (MSR) to enhance training, assess rider competency and encourage accountability.

Preparing for your ride

- All rides need some level of prior planning and may require meetings, trainings, an inspection and communications with command leadership.
- You must receive command approval and provide feedback on all command rides regardless of the length.
- Enough **lead** and **sweep** riders must be assigned to accommodate the amount of riders signed up for each ride.
- You must plan to hold training for ride responsibilities, hand signals, maneuvers, group ride etiquette and any planning for long distance or larger group rides.
- Provide a contact information sheet to all participants to include rider and passenger names, cell phone numbers and emergency contact information.
- Routes must be pre-planned and denote any tolls, construction and detour options. Also, notes must be given on any planned pit-stops and overnight stays, events, shopping, gas, food and nature calls.
- Each member of the group must be provided a copy of the route for any out-of-area or extended rides.
- Plan bike T-CLOCS and PPE checks prior to rides.
- Load share and inspect each other's load security.
- Discuss and plan for weather, cancellation, emergencies, mishaps or mechanical failures.



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