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### **May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Indiana**

It is May and Spring is officially here. Of course May also brings Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. This is proclaimed by Indiana Governor Mike Pence and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

As with every year, this is an opportunity to make certain we are doing all that we can to be safe and responsible riders, but even more importantly, to create awareness so that others who share the roadways with us are looking out for motorcycles.

### **Rally on the Circle, Thursday, May 5th**

To draw further attention to motorcycle awareness, ABATE of Indiana will be hosting an event in conjunction with the Indiana War Memorial, the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Tucker Rocky - LDI, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indiana State Police, and the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The kickoff event for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month will take place on Monument Circle from 11:00 to 1:00 on Thursday, May 5, 2016. All motorcyclists are welcome to join in and park their bike on "The Circle" with police motors from various agencies and some special attractions.

We encourage all motorcyclists to ride responsibly and respectfully. Ride free of impairment and make certain they are properly licensed to operate a motorcycle. We recommend that all riders take a formal rider education course, as studies have indicated that 90% of crash involved riders are self taught.

Save A Life – Be Aware – Motorcycles Are Everywhere

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*ABATE of Indiana (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) is a not-for-profit, safety, educational, charitable and advocacy motorcyclist organization. Our aims are to promote safety, protect rights and help others. ABATE of Indiana represents approximately 13% of the registered motorcycles in Indiana, with a membership of over 20,000. ABATE has a full-time staff, nearly 350 volunteer officers, and nearly 200 certified safety instructors, dedicated to serving the interests of all motorcyclists.*



# 2015 INDIANA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FACT SHEET

## Rider Education Program Statistics

- **Effective Date (Legislated Voluntary Program):** January 1, 1987.
- **Funding Source:** Separate Motorcycle License Plate Fee.
- **Funding Amount:** \$2 per Motorcycle Registration (1987-1992); \$5 per Registration (1993-2001); \$7 per Registration (2002-).
- **Annual Total Funding:** \$200,000 (1987-1992); \$570,000 (1993-2001); \$1,000,000+ (2002-).
- **Students Trained:** more than 125,000
- **Course Locations:** Crown Point, Elkhart, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Westfield, Evansville, Clarksville, Richmond, Kokomo and Versailles.
- **Course Length:** 15-18 instructional hours (5-6 hours classroom, 10-12 hours on-cycle training) offered in a variety of scheduling options.
- **National Awards:** 152 Awards from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation since 1987.

## Motorcycle Accident, Injury, Fatality, and Registration Statistics

	1986*	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>Accidents</b>	3,951	3,808	3,683	3,056	2,949	2,810	2,279	2,251	2,410	2,251	1,844	1,899	2,063	2,149	2,279
<b>Injuries</b>	3,729	3,619	3,498	2,748	2,720	2,655	2,152	2,182	2,407	2,260	1,446	1,450	1,580	1,637	1,730
<b>Fatalities</b>	134	131	90	68	82	87	72	67	64	68	59	47	69	67	73
<b>Per 10,000 Registered MCs</b>	10.8	12.6	8.7	7.2	8.5	9.0	7.6	7.0	6.6	6.7	6.4	4.9	6.6	6.2	6.1
<b>Registrations</b>	124,218	104,051	104,012	95,051	96,260	96,389	94,988	95,524	97,017	96,394	96,710	98,252	104,106	108,716	118,796

	2001	2002	2003	2004**	2005**	2006**	2007**	2008**	2009**	2010**	2011**	2012**	2013**	2014**
<b>Accidents</b>	N/A	N/A	2,151	2,873	2,906	3,098	3,555	3,822	3,276	3,436	3,556	4,111	3,524	3,407
<b>Injuries</b>	N/A	N/A	1,753	3,139	3,096	2,593	3,802	2,957	3,486	2,717	2,725	3,286	2,755	2,671
<b>Fatalities</b>	75	88	81	109	113	108	122	130	111	110	118	151	119	125
<b>Per 10,000 Registered MCs</b>	5.9	6.5	5.5	7.0	6.9	6.7	6.4	6.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	6.70	5.30	5.80
<b>Registrations</b>	128,130	134,881	145,948	154,739	164,423	162,683	190,073	204,386	202,878	208,918	214,903	223,989	221,775	221,606

\* Last year prior to legislated program implementation.

\*\*2004 forward contains mopeds, scooters, all two and three wheeled vehicles.

2006 Forward revised to current ICJI reports.

Sources: *Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Indiana State Police Reporting Information Exchange System (ARIES); Indiana Dept of Education*

## Other Program Activities

In addition to conducting training courses, the Indiana Motorcycle Safety Program conducts statewide public information and education campaigns to increase motorists' awareness of motorcycles, to convince riders not to drink and ride, to encourage the use of protective riding equipment, and to promote proper licensing of all motorcyclists.

Contact information for ABATE of Indiana Motorcycle Safety Division: Jay Jackson, Director, PO Box 665, Bargersville, IN 46106; (317) 422-8040.



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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #1**

GOVERNOR, AND MOTORCYCLIST, MIKE PENCE HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. MOTORISTS FREQUENTLY MISJUDGE THE APPROACH SPEED OF MOTORCYCLES, OR FAIL TO SEE THEM AT ALL. STUDIES IDENTIFY A VEHICLE VIOLATING A MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AS THE CAUSE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MULTIPLE-VEHICLE CRASHES INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES. SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #2**

GOVERNOR, AND MOTORCYCLIST, MIKE PENCE HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. 92 PERCENT OF THE RIDERS INVOLVED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASHES ARE SELF-TAUGHT AND HAVE NO FORMAL TRAINING. MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSES SUPPLY RIDERS WITH THE SKILLS AND STRATEGIES TO PREPARE FOR RIDING, DEAL WITH HAZARDS AND AVOID ACCIDENTS. TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RIDER EDUCATION, CONTACT ABATE OF INDIANA'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DIVISION AT 1-800-23-ABATE OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT [WWW.ABATEONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.ABATEONLINE.ORG) AND REMEMBER, SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT #3**

GOVERNOR, AND MOTORCYCLIST, MIKE PENCE HAS PROCLAIMED MAY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA. ALCOHOL CONTINUES TO BE OVER-REPRESENTED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASHES. MOTORCYCLING REQUIRES BALANCE AND A GREAT DEAL OF JUDGEMENT. DON'T COMPROMISE EITHER ONE BY BEING IMPAIRED. WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT PEOPLE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT DRINK; WE ARE HOWEVER, ENCOURAGING MOTORCYCLISTS TO SEPARATE DRINKING FROM RIDING. RIDE STRAIGHT – DON'T DRINK AND RIDE. AND REMEMBER, SAVE A LIFE – BE AWARE – MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE.



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STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** motorcycles serve as an excellent form of transportation in our state for commuting, touring, and recreational uses; and
- WHEREAS,** motorcycles are energy-efficient vehicles, assisting in reducing fuel consumption and contributing to reducing traffic and parking congestion in many communities; and
- WHEREAS,** road safety is of the highest priority for our streets, roads, and highways; and
- WHEREAS,** increased awareness of the rules of the road and good driving skills are necessary for the safe operation of all vehicles; and
- WHEREAS,** citizens interested in learning how to ride a motorcycle or improve their current riding skills and knowledge can participate in courses offered throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS,** the Motorcycle Rider Associations of Indiana have joined with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Indiana Department of Transportation and other state agencies in an effort to increase public awareness for the need of improved safety on our streets, roads, and highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Indianapolis, this 20th day of April in the year of our Lord 2016 and of the Independence of the United States 240.*



BY THE GOVERNOR: \_\_\_\_\_

*Michael R. Pence*