



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC MOTORCYCLE & ATV SAFETY UNIT



MSU News

John G. Young, Program Director

BULLETIN #120829

Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2012 4:08 PM

Sponsors and RiderCoaches,

Effective September 1, 2012 the 8:1 Student/RiderCoach ratio will no longer be approved for all ranges. Texas will abide by the MSF's requirements as outlined in the RiderCoach Guide (pg 2, Class Size) where the maximum number of students that can be under the supervision of one RiderCoach is six except for on a compact range. According to the MSF's compact range cards (pg ii), a compact range is defined as a range with a perimeter between 448 and 520 total linear feet.

This is a curriculum, not insurance, decision so regardless of which insurance carrier you use only range sizes that meet the requirements above are approved to conduct training for eight students with one RiderCoach. MSF does not have any plans at this time to research the safety/effectiveness/efficiency of any other size range with eight students.

REMS will be updated to reflect the maximum ratio per range sizes and those Sponsors affected by this change will also be notified by certified letter. Please reschedule students as necessary.



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John G. Young, Program Director

BULLETIN #120703

Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:37 AM

Sponsors and RiderCoaches,

Please see below for Training Officer changes and their areas of responsibility.

Training Officers:

- Warren Gossett retired June 30th.
- Terry Graham is now a RiderCoach Trainer.
- Mike Smith has become a DPS/MSU Training Officer after retiring from Carrollton PD Motor Unit and will be assigned to the Garland Regional Headquarters after initial training is complete.

Terry Graham 512-424-7803

Region 1 - Includes Dallas/Fort Worth to Marshall

Region 2 - Includes Nacogdoches to Houston to Port Arthur to Galveston to Wharton

Region 4 - Includes El Paso to Abilene to Alpine

Cindy Flores 512-424-2817

Region 3 - Includes San Antonio to Victoria to Harlingen to Laredo

Region 5 - Includes Panhandle area to Lubbock to Wichita Falls

Region 6 - Includes Burleson to Bryan/College Station to San Marcos to Kerrville



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BULLETIN #120614

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:07 PM

Sponsors and RiderCoaches,

Technical Assistance Visits will begin this weekend across the state. RiderCoach Trainers will be busy visiting every range between now and the end of August 2013 so this may be the only notification you receive of their visit.

One change from previous years is that the Trainers will be observing the entire 15 hour course on each visit. Once a report is submitted to our office for review, we will forward to both the RiderCoach(es) observed and the Sponsor.



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BULLETIN #120403

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 12:36 PM

RiderCoaches,

The DPS Motorcycle Safety Unit currently has two staff vacancies one position is for a Mobile Unit RiderCoach based in Austin the other is for a Training Officer (RiderCoach/Trainer) to oversee Region 1, DFW area. The duty station will be located in our Garland Regional Headquarters once initial training in Austin is completed.

If you are interested or want more information please visit the DPS website and click on employment.

Ride Safe



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BULLETIN #120312

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 7:35 PM

Sponsors and RiderCoaches,

The Department would like to thank everyone who attended the MSF rRETS workshop held in Fort Worth on March 10th. It was a success with over 100 RiderCoaches from a dozen states. A special thank you to Tarrant County College for use of their facilities which received many compliments from both presenters and attendees alike. RiderCoaches must attend a "State or MSF curriculum-related professional development update" as part of meeting MSF recertification requirements. For those that were not able to attend, look for an email in the next couple months with a schedule for DPS regional RiderCoach Workshops. Due to the Motorcycle Safety Unit traveling throughout the state to conduct these workshops, Sponsor-hosted RiderCoach meetings will no longer meet the Texas requirements for curriculum-related professional development for state approval however MSF may still accept them for national certification. Please make plans to attend one of the RCWs being offered in order to retain your Texas approval.

Effective September 1, 2012 the MSF 3WBRC will be the only trike training course accepted for a license waiver in Texas. Any non-MSF Department approved trike training curriculum will remain approved in Texas, but will no longer meet the MSF BRC equivalency for road test waiver. In addition, no future trike training curriculum will be accepted for review by the Department. If you are a Sponsor interested in offering this course at your location or a RiderCoach interested in attending a 3WBRC Certification Course, please contact your Training Officer for more information.

Thanks for your outstanding work



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BULLETIN #120203

Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 1:50 PM

Sponsors,

REMS

We have received positive feedback from Sponsors on the new student reporting system and would like to send out an "atta-boy" to everyone for their submittal of records in a timely manner. At the Sponsor Workshop it was mentioned that we would accept student reports up to 30 days after class was conducted and are now requesting Sponsors to work towards submitting within 3 days.

Clarification - Retest:

We would like to clarify the process for retests as each student that has retested should be reported twice; once in their initial class as failing then again using the Retest feature within REMS to report their retest scores. Please do not create a "new" class to report a retested student. For more information on the retest process within REMS, please visit the Help section.

Clarification – No Show Students:

Please do not include students who do not show up for class. If they attend classroom, but not the range they need to be submitted as DNF.

Reminder – Student Waivers:

Please remind RiderCoaches to review waivers for complete information to include Driver License if student has one, regardless of age or if required for attendance.

Incident Reports

When submitting Incident Reports, please be sure RiderCoaches have completed every required field and the information is legible before forwarding to the Department and your insurance company. This includes having the student complete the Student's Summary portion. Remember, these documents may be called into court and if the information is found to be incomplete or illegible it will reflect upon the Sponsor as well as the RiderCoach. Every report is reviewed in detail by our office and all RCs, RCCs and RAs noted on the report will be verified against the student report in REMS. Please be sure that anyone you are giving permission to be on the range is in REMS first as this is the only way to know if they meet the Department's Driving and Criminal history standards.



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BULLETIN #120201

Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 12:24 PM

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Motorcycle Safety Forum

The Department would like to let everyone know about the upcoming Texas Motorcycle Safety Forum being held in Bryan on Monday, February 6th. This forum is open to all Sponsors, RiderCoaches and anyone with an interest in reducing the likelihood of motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities in Texas. Registration is being processed directly through Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) through the link below. There is no cost for attending; however lunch may be purchased for \$10 at time of admittance. The deadline for online registration is today by 5:00pm, but onsite registration is available.

<http://tti.tamu.edu/conferences/tmsf12/>

8:1 Approval Request

The 8:1 Approval Request form has changed. The new form is now the responsibility of the RiderCoach to complete and submit directly to our office; it will require both dates and Sponsor(s) for each of the latest six courses conducted. We will then send a request to each Sponsor, as noted by the RiderCoach, for their recommendation of the RiderCoach's approval to teach up to eight students alone.



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BULLETIN #120130

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 1:41 PM

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The Department would like to remind everyone about the upcoming MSF rRETS workshop being held in Fort Worth on March 10th; this workshop is open to all RiderCoaches and registration is being processed directly through MSF. The cost of this workshop is \$49. Please visit the link below to register.

<https://online.msf-usa.org/RACE/Default.aspx?EPID=139&QID=9CB16CA6-7C6A-45C9-9B45-B2CC32C5EAAA&RID=1>

RiderCoach PDWs

As discussed at the last state conference and the October Sponsor Workshop, the Department will be conducting regional RiderCoach Workshops throughout the state. The first will be the rRETS conducted by MSU and MSF staff then the MSU will conduct Regional RiderCoach Workshops throughout the year.

Below is a tentative schedule of the regional RiderCoach PDWs so you may begin to consider which one best fits your schedule; another email will be sent once the schedule has been finalized. If you're not able to attend the PDW in your area, we hope to see you at another location.

June	Lubbock
July	San Marcos
August	Irving
September	El Paso
November	Houston

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