



# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC MOTORCYCLE & ATV SAFETY UNIT



## MSU News

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Motorcycle Safety Professionals,

Seasons Greeting as I would like to announce some important information about the future of the Texas Motorcycle Operator Training Program.

With much research, time and considerations over the last two years coupled with funding uncertainty, I have made the decision to proceed with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) required update to the BRC curriculum. Our Texas RiderCoach Trainers will attend an update certification course in early spring 2016, once certified we will plan for RiderCoach transitional training across Texas. The transitional phase will take over one year to complete statewide. This includes a three day course to update and certify existing RiderCoaches (approx. 478 Instructors statewide), the repainting of all training ranges (approx. 210 locations). The format of the new course will remain with five (5) hours of classroom and ten (10) hours range. The e-learning portion or on-line component will not be used initially however we will at some point slowly include it as it is a valuable training tool and on-line courses are certainly the way of the future.

Updates will be offered at multiple locations across Texas (TBD). Travel, meals and lodging will be the responsibility of the RiderCoach. DPS-MSU will provide tuition and materials needed. DPS-MSU will provide information and range painting supplies to Sponsors. Ranges take approx. 4-6 hours to update. More information will follow as planning becomes more complete.

The majority of our state training motorcycles are in poor shape which need to be replaced, so to bring you up to date on our efforts I have successfully requested the authority to purchase eighty (80) motorcycles this year and 80 next year. This is a good start and I assure you it will be of higher quality machine compared to the last purchase.

2016 Conference questions! Initial plans for a March 2016 conference fell through so I am looking at possibly an August 2016 conference. I will provide more information on conference planning as it develops.

I appreciate the hard work and dedication of each of you in your efforts to reduce injuries and fatalities of motorcyclists in Texas and wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.