



MOST

Motorcycle Operator Safety Training

Attachment H
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Background: Need for MOST Program

1. 8,132 motorcycle students trained up from 7,881 (increase of 3%).
2. 103 motorcyclists were killed in motorcycle crashes (99 drivers and 4 passengers)
3. Motorcycles accounted for 16.3% of Colorado total traffic fatalities; even though motorcycles represent less than 1% of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) on Colorado roadways.
4. 74.8 % of the fatal crashes involving motorcycles; the motorcyclist was 'at fault'
5. 31% of fatal motorcycle crashes were deemed a Single Vehicle motorcycle crash.
6. 52% of motorcycle operators killed in a fatal crash in 2019 tested positive for alcohol or drugs.
7. MOST students counted for only 4.2 % of the crashes where alcohol and drugs were suspected
8. 2,206 motorcyclists were involved in a crash, 934 (42%) did not have a motorcycle endorsed license.
9. Of the 2,206 motorcycle crashes only 111, MOST students were involved or 5%.

MOST program changes since being at the Colorado State Patrol

1. Professional Development Workshop (PDW):
 - a. Puts the MOST Instructor into a position of being a student within a motorcycle-learning environment.
MOST sponsored PDW's are offered free of charge.
 - i. 80.8% or 110 MOST Instructors out of 136 took advantage of a MOST provided PDW.
2. Stakeholder Engagement:
 - a. Worked with CSP to provide 3 motorcycle skill days to the MOST Instructors.
 - b. Contracted with 17 vendors to provide training programs.
 - c. Work with Law Tigers to provide risk management seminars to MOST Instructors and MOST Vendors.
 - d. Developed Annual MOST Vendor Conference to provide updates and to cultivate a collaborative culture.
3. Quality Assurance Visits:
 - a. FY 2019 performed 40 QA visits
 - b. FY 2020 goal is 50% increase; 60 QA visits
 - c. Developed a compliance team of 8 QA members
4. Agility: *On Call List*:
 - a. Allows Vendors to reach out to a MOST Instructor when they have a need for an additional instructor due to a call off from the primary instructor on the day of the course.



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HB20-1285, Sunset Motorcycle Operator Training Program

House Sponsors: Representatives: Sullivan (Prime), Snyder, Van Winkle, D. Williams, Jaquez Lewis, Valdez, D

Senate Sponsor: Senator Foote

Dear Senator Foote and Committee Members,

I write this to you to ask for the support of the Senate Finance Committee with the continuation of the Motorcycle Operator Safety Training (MOST) program, HB 1285. I have been affiliated with this program for several years and I believe that it does make an impact on motorcycle safety in Colorado and ultimately saves lives.

While motorcycles account for less than 1% of all miles traveled in Colorado by all types of vehicles, depending on the year they represent approximately 15%-21% of the total fatal crashes. This is an extreme overrepresentation and it is our responsibility to work diligently to make an impact on this number. Many may believe this is solely due to the difference in exposure a motorcycle riders faces with nothing around them to protect them. While I do believe this is a factor, I also believe it is more complicated than that.

For instance, last year, 52% of motorcycle riders that died in crashes were impaired by drugs and/or alcohol. This is a higher percentage than any other classification of vehicle. I believe that one contributing factor in this statistic is the culture within the motorcycle community. That is one significant role of the MOST program is to address the decision making that causes many of the fatal and injury crashes within Colorado. This is supported in the fact that students having completed a MOST course accounted for only 4.2% of motorcycle crashes that involved drugs or alcohol. I believe that this is encouraging and represents that the message is both being conveyed as well as being done so in a convincing enough manner to influence behavior.

Another alarming statistic shows that of the over 2200 crashes involving a motorcycle last year, 42% of the riders were not properly endorsed to ride a motorcycle. As the primary focus towards new riders, this is where the MOST program can potentially have its greatest impact. This program is designed specifically towards this exact group of riders who are crashing. Also, of the over 2200 motorcycle crashes last year, only 5% of them involved a rider who had attended a MOST training class. Again, strong support that the program is making an impact.



In the last two years that the Colorado State Patrol has provided oversight of the MOST program, we have made several substantive changes to its operations. We are providing Professional Development Workshops that are an industry best practice. These are available to all trainers in the state and over 80% of the 136 certified trainers in Colorado have attended at least one. These trainings range from expert skills instruction by Colorado State Patrol Motorcycle Officers to legal guidance on running their businesses from motorcycle specific attorneys. This training is all fully funded by the MOST program and the feedback has been very positive.

In all fairness, we have received feedback on the manner in which we have addressed concerns in the past that was not all positive. I have taken specific measures to address these concerns and I am fully confident that the stakeholders will see a marked improvement in communication and willingness to listen to their concerns moving forward.

In the interest of brevity, I want to conclude by thanking each member of this committee for the valuable work they do and difficult decisions you must make, especially this year in our unique circumstances. I will close with reinforcing one more time that the MOST program does have a positive impact on motorcycle safety and is saving lives. While we have a lot of work to do and must continue moving forward with the attitude that the 103 lives lost to motorcycle crashes last year is completely unacceptable! I believe in my heart that without the 8,132 students trained by the MOST program last year, our reality with motorcycle crashes would look worse than it did.

Sincerely,

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