

**Navy Region Southwest  
Motorcycle/Traffic Safety Roundtable  
25 January 2006**

The CNRSW motorcycle/traffic safety roundtable meeting was conducted on 25 January 2006, at Naval Base San Diego, building 88. The Regional Traffic Safety Manager, Mr. Steve Martin, called the meeting to order at 0930. Mr. Martin opened the meeting by discussing the traffic safety class registration process. He mentioned that class schedules could be found at [www.cnrswtrafficsafety.com](http://www.cnrswtrafficsafety.com). Students can register for classes via the email link on the site ([scheduling@cnrswtrafficsafety.com](mailto:scheduling@cnrswtrafficsafety.com)), or by calling the automated scheduling phone number (619) 532-1233. Due to a large number of requests received from some of the commands and activities, the decision was made to permanently man this line beginning 10 March 2006. Please contact Mr. Martin at (619) 532-1350 if there are any questions about scheduling.

Items of discussion are summarized below:

**A. Basic Riders Course Upgrade:** Navy Region Southwest has implemented a new procedure whereby any student who successfully completes the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) on a motorcycle that is 250cc displacement or smaller, will receive a completion card annotating "250cc." This restriction will prevent personnel from registering a larger displacement motorcycle for base access without successfully completing the skills practice and evaluation portions of the BRC on the larger motorcycle. This course is called the BRC upgrade and is offered weekly. Students can schedule this class via the traffic safety website. This is a fairly simple four-hour course that reinforces previously taught skills, but done on the larger motorcycle. This procedure will be included in the CNRSW Traffic Safety Instruction (COMNAVREGSWINST 5100.12) after the OPNAVINST 5100.12H has been released, but is applicable at this time. Mr. Joe Perfetto of the Naval Safety Center is reviewing this procedure for possible Navy wide use.

**B. Motorcycle Rider Survey:** The regional motorcycle survey will be available on the traffic safety website by 22 February. Commands are requested to appoint a single point of contact and provide the answers from the three-question survey via email at ([scheduling@cnrswtrafficsafety.com](mailto:scheduling@cnrswtrafficsafety.com)) for their entire command.

A question was raised from the audience regarding the applicability of page 13 entries for operation of motorcycles. Mr. Martin answered that as of now, the page 13 is not required by instruction (OPNAVINST 5100.12G) until completion of a motorcycle, dirt bike or All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) training course. Upon release of OPNAVINST 5100.12H, the page 13 entry will be required for personnel who either own or operate these vehicles.

**C. Mentorship Program Update:** The Naval Base Coronado Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Depot (AIMD) officially implemented their Motorcycle Mentorship Program on 26 January 2006. The unit Commanding Officer has signed a command instruction requiring ALL assigned personnel who operate street motorcycles on or off duty to identify themselves to the program coordinators/mentors. The 72 riders identified have begun command sponsored training (formal and informal) to give them the tools to be safer motorcycle operators. This is accomplished by enrolling in the "Beginner" tier

of the program. Progression through the other two tiers of the program, Intermediate and Mentor, are voluntarily achieved by completing additional training. All personnel are required to read several motorcycle operating informational documents and sign a page 13, indicating they are aware of involved risks and proper risk-reducing procedures and habits. The four MSF Rider Coaches currently assigned to AIMD are providing initial oversight of the program. The command will allow the identified riders one work day per month (Tuesday through Thursday) to participate in a group ride with their designated mentor, so riding proficiencies can be improved.

Several valid questions and concerns were raised having to do with the mentorship program and are addressed below

1. A concern was raised from the group regarding the viability of a riding day for afloat forces that are often strapped for usable work time while in port. The idea of forcing a rider to participate in an evaluated riding event would turn them off to the program.

Mr. Martin replied that if commands really want to preserve their available work force, they could find some time to allow for both participation in this type of program and a group ride, perhaps with an afternoon instead of a whole day. As far as disenchanting potential candidates, most riders enjoy riding anytime, as long as the weather is good.

2. AMA participation. Can a group like the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) be involved in the program in an effort to encourage motorcycle riders to join the association or at least appreciate the amount of work this organization does to protect rider rights?

Mr. Martin pointed out that the United States Navy does not and cannot endorse any political action lobbyist groups, and added that there are no plans to involve the AMA with the mentorship program. The regional traffic safety website will have a link to the AMA and other motorcycle awareness sites with a non-associative disclaimer.

Mr. Martin pointed out that AMA, like other lobbyist organizations, exists to protect or change legislation to benefit motorcycle riders and are primarily concerned with riders rights and membership itself, not necessarily the member's driving record. AIMD Chief Petty Officer Dan Gamet replied that AMA membership doesn't require ownership of a motorcycle. CTTCM (SW/AW) Worden of Commander Pacific Fleet Command pointed out that one of our jobs as leaders is to provide our people with the tools and skills they need to be safe while riding.

3. Commanding Officer and OIC awareness levels. Given the emphasis placed on motorcycle and other traffic programs, are Commanding Officers, Executive Officers, and OICs being made aware of the existence and importance of the motorcycle mentorship program? The member asking the question was concerned that a motorcycle safety stand down was directed by Navy message, but obviously, not all commands received it. One CPO from SWRMC stated that he received word of the stand down requirement through informal channels.

Mr. Martin stated that the Navy is taking traffic safety very seriously and had previously authorized Commander Naval Installations (CNI) to hire contractors to conduct classes,

standdowns and provide extra training for the riding community. A meeting has been conducted between CNRSW and various type commanders regarding this issue, and to raise awareness levels throughout the fleet.

4. 101 Days of summer. A question was raised from the group as to whether or not the Naval Safety Center should initiate a pre-riding season stand down through the CO/XO chain.

Mr. Martin pointed out Naval Safety Center already does a 101 Days of summer presentation and Naval Region Southwest is working on a regional presentation to take place during May 2006. This will include MWR, local vendors, car and motorcycle clubs and local dealers.

Mr. Wayne Ludwig, Regional Safety Program Director, replied that the regional Chief of Staff would be briefed regarding the motorcycle mentorship program and the need for a pre-season stand down with CO/XO involvement, so the regional Chief of Staff can encourage commands to be actively involved. He further added that additional activities (closed track riding events, pre-class training) are being evaluated for safety and effectiveness and may be made available in the future.

**D. Cell phone usage on Naval installations:** Several members asked about plans to implement a region cell phone policy.

Mr. Ludwig mentioned that a CNRSW policy would soon be communicated and implemented.

**E. Miscellaneous topics/Discussion:**

1. What is the availability of parking around building 88?

Mr. Martin answered that open parking is available North of building 88, along the quay wall on Norman Scott Road, and Southeast of building 88, around the South West Regional Maintenance Center (SWRMC) complex. EOC (SCW) Streicher pointed out those personnel E-7 and above can park in any SWRMC parking space that does not have a red rectangle specifically designating personal parking privileges

2. Are Chatterboxes (helmet-mounted communication / audio entertainment device) allowed to be used, considering that California restricts the use of headphones or earphones while driving?

Mr. Martin replied that California law allows one ear to be covered, but not both. A sailor from Assault Craft Unit Five commented that he had received a citation for having a Chatterbox mounted to his helmet, but the case was dismissed because the Chatterbox does not receive or transmit constantly.

3. Use of the Motorcycle range in off hours Is the Range on board the current BRC training site at Naval Outlying Field Imperial Beach (NOLFIB) available to practice on during hours of non-use?

The training range is closed when instructors are not present, but practice time can be arranged by contacting any of the region rider coaches.

4. OPNAVINST 5100.12H A member of the group asked if Mr. Martin knew when the revised OPNAVINST 5100.12H would be signed and released;

Mr. Martin replied that CNI was unable to give a definitive date.

5. Has Naval Base Coronado changed their helmet usage policy to only allow full-face helmets while riding on base?

The policy has not changed.

F. There were no further questions and Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 1055. The next Motorcycle Safety Roundtable Meeting will be conducted Wednesday, 1 March 2006, at 0930 in building 88 on board Naval Base San Diego. Contact Mr. Steve Martin or Ms. Maria Torres to submit agenda items for the next meeting.

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