

**NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST (NRSW)  
MOTORCYCLE / TRAFFIC SAFETY ROUND TABLE MEETING MINUTES  
01 March 2006**

The motorcycle / traffic safety roundtable meeting was conducted on 01 March 2006, at Naval Base San Diego, Building 88, North Auditorium. The Regional Traffic Safety Manager, Mr. Steve Martin, called the meeting to order at 0930. Personnel from the following commands were in attendance:

CNAP – CNAF – PCD MAKIN ISLAND – CDS 23 – USS TARAWA – USS RENTZ – SPAWAR – USS NIMITZ – NAVBASE SAN DIEGO – SWRMC – RSO – USS HOWARD – NHRC – AIMD NI – HS 6 – CPR 5 – COMDESRON 21 – USS ANTIETAM – HSL 49 – DSU – HSM 41 – USS BENFOLD – CNSF – TSC – USS PEARL HARBOR – NAVFAC SW – HSMWSP – HSC 3 – ATGPAC – EWTGPAC – CSS 11 – USS PREBLE – TACRON 12 – FACSFAC SD – NEPMU 5

Items of discussion are summarized below:

**A. Motorcycle Training:** The previously announced motorcycle size “upgrade” program for NRSW trainees is now known as the “ERC Skills Practice (ERCSP)”. Within this program, trainees who successfully complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course on a training motorcycle with an engine displacement of 250cc or less, will be issued a completion card annotated “250”.

Students wishing to register a larger motorcycle will be issued a base decal with a six-month expiration date. This will allow the rider time to become more familiar with the larger motorcycle, prior to attending the ERCSP class. Upon successful completion of the ERCSP, the student will be issued an ERC completion card, which can be presented to the Pass & ID office when applying for a base decal in accordance with current Security departmental policies.

In response to a question from the audience, Mr. Martin stated that there wouldn't be any restrictions associated with the successful completion of the Harley Davidson “Rider's Edge” training program since motorcycles with a displacement of 499cc are used to complete the program training requirements. Although, this training program has not been formally recognized in California, it meets the Navy's training requirements for base access.

Mr. Martin announced that a new rider-training course is expected to be offered in the near future by MSF and will expand on the principles of the ERC, focusing on advanced riding techniques. The new course is in the final stages of development and testing; course information and schedules will be publicly announced as soon as it is available.

Mr. Martin also announced that active duty E-6 personnel do not have to submit approved request chits to attend motorcycle training classes and TAD orders are no

longer required, unless directed by the student's command. Personnel E-5 and below must still submit approved request chits to attend motorcycle training.

A question was raised from the audience about wearing safety vests as opposed to brightly colored upper garments. Mr. Martin answered that while guidance on what is considered brightly colored will be addressed in OPNAV 5100.12H, NRSW is considering making safety vests a requirement, just as NAS Lemoore has already implemented.

**B. Automobile Training:** Mr. Martin re-stated the requirement of attending the eight-hour American Automobile Association / Driver Improvement Program (AAA/DIP) class in accordance with OPNAV 5100.12G for all active duty personnel aged 26 and younger, as well as all government (GOV) vehicle operators. The AAA/DIP class is offered every Tuesday at Naval Base San Diego, Building 88, North Auditorium at 0800. Registration is required and can be completed at [www.cnrswtrafficsafety.com](http://www.cnrswtrafficsafety.com).

Responding to a question from the audience, Mr. Martin replied that the military AAA/DIP class does not meet the California requirement for traffic violator schools, but the class can satisfy the training requirements of citations received on a military installation. If a person is requesting or registering to attend a AAA/DIP class with the purpose of meeting the penalties or punishment issued by the base traffic judge, they must clearly state such intention when registering for the class, as the curriculum is slightly different.

**C. Motorcycle Mentorship Program:** Chief Gamet of AIMD NI updated everyone regarding the implementation status of his command's motorcycle mentorship program. The program is still in the refinement phase and changes to its execution include the distillation and comparison with a similar program initiated by AIMD Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA. Once the minimum requirements of the program are established, they will be forwarded to CNIC for endorsement approval and publication/distribution. Chief Gamet noted that one of the significant changes to his command's program removes the previously mandatory monthly group ride, however to progress to the next level, a protégé's riding skills must still be observed by a mentor. *Note:* This can be done without the requirement of participating in a group ride.

**D. Summer Driving Kick-off Event:** The "101 Days of Summer" Traffic Safety Kick-Off event is planned to take place at NB San Diego on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced. Details were not discussed, but plans are to include demonstrations relative to motorcycle and all terrain vehicle (ATV) inspections and riding techniques/skills; automobile inspections; safety pointers by California Highway Patrol; a participant-judged auto and bike show; and displays by various local vendors.

**E. All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) / Dirt Bike (DB) Training:** A question was raised from the audience about the structure of the ATV and DB training program. Mr. Martin answered that both the ATV and DB classes are approximately four to five hours long, with a maximum capacity of eight students per class.

Another question was raised about whether the training was mandatory. Mr. Martin replied that in accordance with the OPNAV 5100.12G, motorcycle operators, on-duty or off-duty, on base or off base, are required to receive appropriate Navy Safety Center approved training. ATV/DB riders are required to receive training if they operate on base (currently only offered at NAWS China Lake and NAS Lemoore) or as part of their assigned duties. Recreational ATV/DB riders are not required but encouraged to attend a training class if they only operate their off-road motorcycles or ATVs off base.

**F. Closing Comments:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1115. The next Motorcycle Safety Roundtable meeting will be conducted Wednesday, 12 April 2005, at Naval Base San Diego, Building 88, North Auditorium at 0900.

Ms. Carol MacMillan may be contacted at 532-1233 to submit agenda items for the next meeting.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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