

Ways to reduce the risks of operating motorcycles in our communities:

1. Reverse the trend of discouraging new riders from embracing their beginner's time and their learner's time. In particular, stop telling new riders that they can complete their beginner's time and learner's time in one weekend.
2. De-glamorize motorcycle training programs. De-emphasize that motorcycle training automatically makes you safe. Training makes you skillful.
3. Foster creation of other sources of funding for motorcycling safety programs that are not exclusively dependent on motorcycle industry sales or motorcycle registrations.
4. Implement objective and consistent measurement procedures for license certification.
 - a. Use a uniform testing procedure. For example, in California the on-bike test difficulty of skill and the objectivity of the evaluators are different at the different testing locations.
 - b. Do not allow the testers to have a conflict of interest to the individual being tested. In particular, the individual's instructor should not be the tester.
 - c. The on-bike test should measure, and require for passing, skills above a beginner's skill level.
5. Find ways to encourage and implement National Motorcycle Training's mission statement for motorcyclists and motorcyclists' mentors.

Our mission is to reduce the fatality (mortality) rate and disabling-injury (morbidity) rate for motorcyclists.

Specifics:

- * Properly define and measure appropriate mortality and morbidity rates.
- * Encourage behaviors that decrease these rates; discourage behaviors that increase these rates.
- * Provide and maintain motorcycle rider education curriculum that is open and is free to copy, distribute, and use.
- * Maintain objectivity through careful monitoring of funding, minimizing and eliminating conflicts of interest of our funding sources with our mission.

We at National Motorcycle Training, through our experience and thoughtful measurements, know that the above suggestions will have an immediate and direct affect in the reduction of mortality and morbidity in the motorcycling community.