



Traffic Services Section Michigan State Police Field Update #28

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Motorcycle Crash Information

Motorcycle Crash Supplemental Form UD-10MC

Motorcycle season is now upon us. The Michigan State Police (MSP) Traffic Services Section (TSS) has recently begun to collect information for a two-year study on motorcycle crash characteristics in an attempt to find solutions to the problem of an increase in the numbers of motorcycle crashes and associated injuries in Michigan. The study is focusing on the roles of motorcycle operator training, license endorsement, and type of helmet used.

All MSP personnel are reminded that they must complete the supplemental UD-10MC form for all crashes involving a motorcycle as defined by [MCL 257.31](#), and **submit the report directly to TSS**. Other agencies that would like to contribute to motorcycle traffic safety by participating in this study should contact [Sgt. Steve Spink](#) at (517) 336-6685 for information and to obtain copies of the form.

Motorcycle Helmet Inspections

Because the study is focusing partly on the role of motorcycle helmet performance in crashes, proper documentation of the damage to any helmets involved in a crash is imperative. Please include photos with the UD-10MC showing both the damaged areas, as well as any [evidence of DOT approval](#) or lack thereof, especially the impact absorbing Styrofoam inner liner.

Motorcycle Crash Victim Autopsies

Cause of death is extremely critical to this or any valid study concerning helmet use.

Part of the MSP two-year study involves particular attention to motorcycle fatalities. Sergeant Spink will be making a coordinated effort to attend all autopsies of motorcycle crash victims as part of the study.

Any law enforcement agency that responds to and investigates a fatal motorcycle crash is asked to notify Sgt. Spink (517) 336-6685 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to attend any autopsy.

Motorcycle Helmet Enforcement

Because the use of novelty motorcycle helmets appears to be on the increase, the TSS has developed a [webpage](#) to assist with proper identification. Additionally, if you need assistance in adjudicating a motorcycle helmet citation, please contact Sgt. Spink.

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