

GTSAC MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ACTION TEAM 2018-19 Accomplishments

The Detroit-Metro Regional Program is celebrating its 100,000 motorcycle safety students trained since 1981 this season. The program was started with seed grant money from the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) & the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) in 1981. The program switched over to state grants in 1984, funded by Michigan Motorcyclists. In 1999 the program was re-organized to the Detroit Metro Consortium with operations funded thru Schoolcraft College. Vince Consiglio has been the Regional Coordinator since 1981.

Eric Line, from the Michigan Department of Transportation, is a member of NHSTA's National Committee on Motorcycle Safety. There are only 10 members nation wide.

"Hot Rod" Beaton organized the ABATE Motorcycle Awareness Month Activities through out the state. Members and signs were displayed across the state at over 30 intersections, directing car drivers to, "Look Twice to Save a Life, Motorcycles are Everywhere."

Schoolcraft Public Safety Center is now being used for Motorcycle Safety. The driving pad is an 11 acre lot that is fenced in and secured from traffic. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF's) "Large Advanced Rider Course" is taught on this site. The larger range allow the students to practice at higher speeds and improve their riding skills. The courses are funded thru the Office of Highway Safety (OHSP).
COMPLISHMENTS June 6, 2019

Vince Consiglio

Continue expanding & maintaining the nations one-stop spot for accessing motorcyclist safety research. www.smarter-usa.org

Dan Petterson

Training Motorcycle Riders with Accident Scene Management- so they are capable to correctly assist an injured rider and keep them alive till EMS Arrives. Work closely with Law Enforcement and EMS to deal with motorcycle crashes and be more effective with them.

As co-chair, continue making meetings more productive.

Debbie Parinello

Paramedic

Accident Scene Management Instructor

AHA CPR Instructor

GTSAC Motorcycle Safety Action Team Accomplishments (MDOT)

Strategy #1 Examine and enforce the policies and practices of the following maintenance activities: Excessive use of low friction joint sealants and crack fillers, low friction pavement markings, and excessive grooving of concrete pavement. Ensure that surface treatments to control traction are applied immediately if needed, with particular attention to ramps and curves:

- MDOT's Motorcycle Action Team Rep. (Eric Line) addressed motorcyclists concerns with the application of crack seal at locations with heavy motorcyclist travel. A surface treatment was applied to the curves in these locations to improve friction.

Strategy #3 Educate transportation professionals of the operational characteristics of motorcycles and the roadway design and maintenance needs specific to motorcyclists, and continue to involve motorcyclists in the new designs, treatments, and materials:

- MDOT's Motorcycle Action Team Rep. (Eric Line) gave presentations at 3 MDOT Regions Traffic Safety and Operations personal and the MDOT traffic safety alignment team about Motorcycle Safety relating to road design, construction, and maintenance practice that could affect motorcyclists.

Other accomplishments:

- MDOT continues to promote and place warning signs in select work zones to advise motorcyclists of special conditions that may impact them.
- MDOT continues to display Motorcycle Awareness and Safety Messages on over 200 Digital Message Signs in the state.
- MDOT's Motorcycle Action Team Rep. (Eric Line) was chosen to the newly formed USDOT/FHWA Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC). Ten members were appointed nationally to address and advise the US Secretary of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on roadway infrastructure related concerns of motorcyclists. The team is reviewing states Strategic Highway Safety Plans for motorcycle safety content. Our Strategic Highway Safety Plan and GTSAC Motorcycle Safety Action Team and plan has been presented and highlighted nationally. The Council is also surveying states on their motorcycle safety programs.