



## ***HOW TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM***

It is not enough to want to establish a rider training program. You need to determine whether or not there are motorcyclists (or potential motorcyclists) who would be willing to enroll.

The first step is to gather information to assure you will have a successful program. You need to know:

- How many motorcyclists are in your community?
- How many motorcycle dealerships are in the community?
- Is there an accident problem?
- Is there another rider training program within 50 miles?
- Are there motorcycle club members who would be willing to take a course?

Once you have determined there is a need, you need to obtain these basic requirements:

- A classroom that will hold a maximum of 24 students.
- AV equipment (either a 16mm projector or a video player).
- Tables and chairs for students and the Instructors.
- A parking lot or other paved surface that will serve as a "riding range" for on-cycle instruction. You'll need approximately 150' by 300'. The surface must be free of pot holes, gravel, debris and not have any obstacles that motorcyclists could run into. You must be able to keep other pedestrians and drivers off the area while class is in session.
- ~~You need motorcycle for students to ride. The MSF has established a loan motorcycle program with Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha and Kawasaki. They have a special program for motorcycle dealers that provides for the free loan of motorcycles within the required size up to a maximum of 350cc. Information about that program is enclosed.~~  
*Not required for USAF sponsored programs.*
- You need to have a secure place to store the bikes when not in use. Ideally the storage area is very close to the "range". You'll need equipment for the bikes which is detailed on the enclosed "Supplies Required for the MRC:RSS" list."

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- You'll need Instructors to teach the *RiderCourse*<sup>®</sup>. The MSF certifies Instructors taught by MSF certified Chief Instructors. Information about the course is attached.
- The *RiderCourse* curriculum for the course is available from MSF. Only MSF recognized sponsors and Instructors are authorized to use our *RiderCourses*. A catalog with prices is enclosed for your information.
- ~~Finally, you need insurance to cover the bikes, the dealer who loaned the bikes, the Instructors and the sponsor who lets you use their classroom and parking lot.~~ Sometimes insurance can be obtained through your agency's fleet policy. MSF's *RiderCourse* Insurance Plan is available. Enclosed is a brochure that describes our plan.

If you desire further information on how to administer a rider training program we recommend you order the MSF's "Motorcycle *RiderCourse* Administrator's Guide." This guide will walk you step-by-step through the establishment of your course.

If you have additional questions please contact MSF's Education Department. Thank you for your interest in motorcycle safety education.