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FREE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING AVAILABLE TO ALL IN PA

Pennsylvania's Motorcycle Safety Program (PAMSP) is gearing up for the 2010 motorcycle riding season, but needs your help to promote motorcycle safety training. PAMSP currently offers two courses free for all Pennsylvania residents with only one simple prerequisite: trainees must have a valid motorcycle (Class M) license or valid motorcycle learner's permit.

- ❖ The Basic RiderCourse (BRC) provides an introduction to the fundamentals of safe, responsible motorcycling. The course consists of 15 hours of classroom and riding instruction, and is suitable for both beginners and intermediate/advanced riders. Students are provided with a motorcycle and a helmet for use during the training course. Students with a motorcycle learner's permit who successfully complete the course will be issued a motorcycle license.
- ❖ The Experienced RiderCourse (ERC) addresses critical skills and knowledge necessary for safe riding and can be completed in one day. The course is ideal for graduates of the BRC. Similarly, students with a motorcycle learner's permit who successfully complete the course will be issued a motorcycle license. Participants use their own motorcycle and safety gear.

Typically, the motorcycle training season starts strong and classes fill quickly; however, as the days get longer and the sun gets hotter, the demand for training decreases. PennDOT needs your help to promote the benefits of the PAMSP all season - April through October. Please take the opportunity whenever possible to encourage both novice and experienced riders to take advantage of the free training by visiting www.pamsp.com, and register for a course. For riders who do not have Internet access, training can be scheduled by calling 1-800-845-9533, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Whether motorcyclists are looking to learn the "basics" or are "experienced" and would like to learn some crash avoidance skills, PAMSP has something for everyone. And remember, all riders who pass either course using a motorcycle learner's permit will earn their Class M motorcycle license.

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LIVE FREE RIDE ALIVE MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION PLATE

In promotion of PennDOT's "Live Free Ride Alive" motorcycle safety campaign, PennDOT has redesigned the regular series motorcycle registration plate. The plate contains the Web address of the campaign Web site, "LiveFreeRideAlive.com," at the bottom of the plate. This is a limited edition motorcycle registration plate and will be the standard issued motorcycle plate until inventory is depleted.



PennDOT began issuing the redesigned motorcycle registration plate effective March 17, 2010. The redesigned motorcycle plate will be available to agents for their inventory by early April, for issuance to their customers.

As a reminder, agents are required to file their documents in consecutive order by plate number. Since agents may have two different style motorcycle plates, existing motorcycle inventory and the redesigned motorcycle plate, the plates must be kept in consecutive order by plate style.

Customers, who wish to replace their current regular series motorcycle registration plate with the "LiveFreeRideAlive.com" motorcycle plate, must complete Form MV-44, "Application for Duplicate Registration Card, Replacement of Registration Plate, Renewal Sticker or Weight Class Sticker." In Section B, customers will check the "replacement plate" block and in the "other" block write "Live Free Ride Alive." The replacement registration plate fee is \$7.50.