

### **Third Annual Motorcycle Safety Forum Scheduled for February**

The third annual Motorcycle Safety Forum is scheduled for the second week of February in Austin, TX. Lead participating Agencies include Texas Department of Transportation Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Texas Transportation Institute, Center for Transportation Safety.

This year's forum is expected to build upon the momentum gained from the previous two events and will bring together statewide motorcycle advocates to:

- address motorcycle safety issues,
- share expertise,
- raise the public's awareness about motorcycle safety issues, and
- help guide state motorcycle safety planning efforts.

Approximately 70 traffic safety professionals, including citizen motorcycle advocates, law enforcement, educators, and Federal and state motorcycle safety representatives, attended last year's Motorcycle Safety Forum in Austin on February 6, 2007.

Among the topics covered in that meeting were forming a statewide motorcycle safety group and developing a motorcycle safety strategic plan with three main components: training and education, highway design and environment, and forming partnerships.

The group also discussed ways to increase interest in motorcycle safety, and short term solutions to reduce crashes.

The forum began in response to the alarming and consistently growing trend in motorcycle fatalities in Texas and nationwide.

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