



Proclamation Talking Points

“EDUCATE TO SAVE LIVES”

1. At stop lights, motorcycles will sometimes pull to the side of a car when traffic is stopped to avoid being hit from behind and to allow a way out quickly if needed.
 2. Motorcycles can DOWN SHIFT like “standard cars” as they are slowing down, so you may not see a brake light come on.
 3. Motorcyclist might use hand signals. Left and Right turn hand signals (show example of a HAND SIGNAL).
 4. Failure to yield the right of way while turning left – when turning left always look further down the road as motorcycles are smaller and look further away. Over **THIRTY PERCENT** of crashes occur this way. **LOOK TWICE BEFORE TURNING LEFT.**
 5. Motorcycles often ride in groups for their safety, so please DO NOT split up the riding group.
 6. Do not follow too closely. Allow motorcycles plenty of space for the rider to react to what might be happening ahead on the road. A motorcyclist’s riding patterns are different from a car (we may need to swerve to miss debris on the road or to navigate around the pothole). We need our whole lane to navigate, to what might be on the road ahead of us.
 7. Turn your head to look for motorcycles in your blind spots.
 8. Motorcycles are closer than they appear. **LOOK TWICE FOR MOTORCYCLES!** It’s hard to judge our speed and distance from you, as our motorcycles are smaller than your vehicles.
 9. Please don’t sweep your grass clippings on the streets this is a hazard to motorcycles.
 10. At traffic lights a motorcycle may not weigh enough to turn the light to green. You may see the motorcyclist motion for you to move up closer behind them so that the weight of your car will **TRIGGER** the light to turn.
- *The life you may be saving could be your child’s favorite teacher, your neighbor or even your pastor.
Bikers are in all professions, **there is NO EXCUSE for “I didn’t see the motorcycle!”**