

2023 Texas Motorcycle Safety Forum

April 1, 2023, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel Conference Center, San Marcos, Texas

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Check-in & Networking – Continental Breakfast **Veramendi G - H Pre- Function**

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM **OPENING SESSION** **Veramendi Salons G – H**

Welcome from the Texas Motorcycle Safety Coalition (TMSC)

Maurice Maness, TMSC Chair

Welcome from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

Carol Campa, Texas Department of Transportation

Update from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Becky Walker, NHTSA Region 6

Keynote

Chris Symons

In 2005, shortly after returning from military service in Iraq, Chris survived a serious motorcycle crash and lost an arm and a leg. Chris tells the story of the crash, his recovery, his family's unwavering support, and his life since that day.

9:45 AM – 10:25 AM **SESSION #1** **Veramendi Salons G – H**

Unlicensed to Ride

Unlicensed motorcycle riders continue to be a traffic safety problem. In 2021, 63% of motorcycle operators killed in crashes in Texas did not have a motorcycle license at the time of the crash. All States require a motorcycle endorsement or license that is usually earned through the completion of a knowledge and skills test, yet many riders choose to ride without obtaining it. There is a significant need to encourage riders to enhance their knowledge and skills by attending rider training courses and obtaining the proper license.

This presentation will provide:

- A data snapshot of the motorcycle licensing problem in Texas
- Survey and focus group results surrounding licensing issues in Texas
- Overview of the data matching used to identify unlicensed riders in Texas
- Information on postcard mailing campaign

SPEAKERS:

Cody Stewart, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

10:25 AM – 10:40 AM **Break & Networking** **Veramendi G - H Pre- Function**

10:40 AM – 11:20 AM **SESSION #2** **Veramendi Salons G – H**

California Highway Patrol

Join us to learn about the history of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP), its current state, and the future of the program. Listen as we discuss California's collision and fatality statistics from the past 10 years, the impact of roadway travel with legalization of lane sharing, and the challenges of current day enforcement.

SPEAKERS:

Sergeant Christopher Cavner, California Motorcyclist Safety Program Coordinator, California Highway Patrol

11:20 AM – 12:00 PM **SESSION #3** **Veramendi Salons G - H**

ATLATT (All The Laws All The Time)

Ford will be discussing program updates in the Motorcycle Training Program, potential and upcoming legislative bills, their impact/meaning as well as the 501-fund information. He will also be holding an open discussion and Q&A.

SPEAKER:

Ford Strawn, TDLR

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch & Networking - Lunch Provided

Hotel Restaurant

1:30 PM – 2:10 PM **SESSION #4** **Veramendi Salons G – H**

Riding While Intoxicated

The consequences of driving impaired are costly in more ways than one as Retired Judge, Michael Fields, knows all too well. As an avid and licensed motorcycle rider who really cares about fellow riders, hear first-hand and from a legal perspective how lives are negatively affected in impaired driving cases in Texas. In addition, this presentation will also review strategies and suggestions which can reduce impairment while riding.

SPEAKER:

Michael Fields, Former Judge, Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 14

2:10 PM – 2:50 PM **SESSION #5** **Veramendi Salons G - H**

Sorry My Car Didn't See You, the State of Automation and Motorcycling

The status quo of advanced automated safety features and their ability to interact with motorcyclists.

SPEAKER:

Tiffany Cipoletti, AMA

2:50 PM – 3:05 PM Break & Networking – Snacks Available

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3:05 AM – 3:45 PM **SESSION #6** **Veramendi Salons G - H**

Motorcycle Crashes: Causes and Contributing Factors

There are three major contributing factors to the cause of motorcycle crashes: the lack of experience in a rider wanting to go fast, the lack of visibility of the motorcyclist, and the motorcyclist operating under the influence of drugs and alcohol. These contributing factors will affect how motorcyclists influence crash scenarios.

SPEAKER:

Carl Meaux, ACTAR

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

ACTIVITY & PANEL DISCUSSION

Parking Lot North

Accident Scene Management “A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist”

Overview of PACT with emphasis on scene safety, increasing the effectiveness of EMS, and addressing difficult subjects such as jaw thrust rescue breathing, stopping bleeding, and helmet removal.

SPEAKER:

Penni (Gypsy) Fuller, ASM

Outdoor Activity

Panel Discussion

SPEAKER:

San Marcos/Hays County Fire, EMS, PD

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM

CLOSING SESSION

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Announcements, Awards, & Closing Remarks

Cathy Brooks, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

Maurice Maness, TMS