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Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

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May is Motorcycle Safety Month **Riders Urged to Get Trained and Ride Safe**

Improving Motorcycle Safety Aim of Riverside Police Department Operation

The Riverside Police Department is joining law enforcement statewide and across the United States in the National Motorcycle safety awareness month special enforcement operations. In addition, the California Motorcyclist Safety Program is offering special, low cost rider training classes during the month of May.

Riverside PD will be conducting a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on various days during the month of May in an effort to lower deaths and injuries. Extra officers will be patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur. Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers and riders alike that can lead to motorcycle crashes. They will be cracking down on both those operating regular vehicles and motorcycles who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding, making illegal turns, or any other dangerous violation.

The California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) training program is offering a “Total Control Refresher Training” course during the month of May. This four-hour riding class is for experienced riders with a current motorcycle license. Riders will use their own street-legal motorcycle during the class taught by CMSP-certified Instructors at a cost of only \$95. Log onto the CMSP website (<http://cmsp.msi5.com>) to register at a location near you.

California motorcycle fatalities saw a phenomenal drop of 37 percent from 2008 to 2010, but then rose 31 percent by 2015. Efforts like these are aimed at curbing any more rise in motorcycle deaths and sending the numbers back downward. Last year, the City of Riverside had 95 motorcycle crashes resulting in 91 injuries and 4 fatalities. Currently for 2017, there have been 23 motorcycle crashes with 21 injuries and 2 fatality as a result of these crashes.

New riders are urged to get basic training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at <http://www.californiamotorcyclist.com/> or 1-877 RIDE 411 (1-877-743-3411).

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