

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

## Group Riding & Rider Safety Course

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# The Goal of the American Legion Riders



# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Communication and Safety Procedures
- Defining roles and Individual responsibilities
- Methods of lane changes, passing, and handling accidents
- Videos: Personal Protective Equipment and Group Riding,



# RIDER'S CREED

**R**iders dedicate themselves to the success of the American Legion. I know that, through my efforts, I can make a difference.

**I** alone am responsible for myself and to my fellow riders. I will conduct myself with the highest degree of integrity and honor.

**D**eeds, not words, create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.

**E**ach rider is first a member of the American Legion Family. I will actively participate and willingly support their endeavors.

**R**eadily will I join other riders in activities and events which support our missions. I will do so gladly, knowing I volunteered to be an American Legion Rider.

**S**uccess is the only acceptable conclusion. I will allow nothing to dissuade me or impede me from service to my family, community, country, and especially our Veterans.





# SAFETY PROCEDURES

- ❖ Road Captains
  - Organize and promote safe group riding
- ❖ Pre-ride briefing and in-route communication
- ❖ Group size accommodation and skill level
- ❖ Rider's Care
  - **Bathroom, food and water** stops
- ❖ Flag displaying in group rides
  - Parade and Non-Parade
- ❖ Accident assistances
- ❖ Safety cage and chase vehicles



# MSP GROUP RIDING



# RIDE TYPES

Group  
Riding

Sponsor  
Rides

Poker  
Runs

Parades



# WHAT DO YOU SEE?





# GROUP RIDING POSITIONS

Road Captain

Mid-Captain

Ride Safety Officer – Sweep

Newer group riders



# INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES



**SAFETY  
EQUIPMENT  
PPE**



**DRINKING AND  
MEDICINE**



**SPEED OF  
TRAVEL**



**PASSING, LANE  
POSITION, AND  
FORMATION**



**SIGNS**



**SKILL LEVEL**



# MFS GROUP RIDING

Group Video





THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION PRESENTS A GUIDE TO GROUP RIDING

# ROAD ADVENTURE



Handout Training Materials

Classified - Confidential





# TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (Video)

WHY TO WEAR ALL THE GEAR ALL THE TIME (ATGATT)



**Stop** - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



**Slow Down** - arm extended straight out, palm facing down



**Speed Up** - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



**You Load/Come** - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



**Follow Me** - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



**Single File** - arm and index finger extended straight up



**Double File** - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



**Hazard in Roadway** - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand



**Highbeam** - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



**Pull Off** - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder



**Turn Signal On** - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



**Fuel** - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended



**Refreshment Stop** - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



**Comfort Stop** - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion



# HAND SIGNALS



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***Let us ride safely, responsibly and set a good example for others.  
We are representing the American Legion!!!***

