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## **SAFETY MESSAGE 18-05**

### **May is Motorcycle Safety Month**

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month. Riders have already taken advantage of the warmer weather and been out on rides. As always, the NYARNG Safety Office is prepared to support safe riding practices for Soldiers around the state. The link below will take you to the Safety Office's Motorcycle Safety page. There you will find information on available safety training courses, operator courses, and information on safety checks for your motorcycle.

<http://dmna.ny.gov/safety/?id=cycle>

Throughout Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, NSC encourages motorists to share the road with motorcyclists and be extra alert when they are nearby. NSC's tips include:

1. Passenger car drivers must allow greater following distance behind a motorcycle.
2. Drivers also must show extra caution in intersections. Most crashes occur when a driver fails to see a motorcyclist and turns left in front of a motorcycle.
3. Drivers should never try to share a lane with a motorcycle. Always give a motorcycle the full lane width.
4. Motorcyclists should avoid riding in poor weather conditions.
5. Motorcyclists should position their motorcycles to avoid a driver's blind spot.
6. Motorcyclists must use turn signals for every turn or lane change.

Visit the NSC's website for more motorcycle safety information:

<https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/safety-topics/motorcycle-safety>

Safely enjoying your motorcycle is the goal. Leaders should be aware of Soldiers in their formations who are riders. Units should provide motorcycle safety briefings in order to continue to bring awareness to the dangers inherent to riding. **FY17 showed a decline in PMV-2 (Private Motor Vehicle – 2 Wheel) fatalities of 18%**, let's do our part to help reduce them even further.

To find previously published Safety Messages go to our NYARNG Safety Website:

<http://dmna.ny.gov/safety/>

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