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## Advisory Committee

Hello:

I am working on putting together an Advisory Committee for our motorcycle program. We have never had one previously. I have several questions:

1. How many members would you recommend we have?
2. How do you select your group?
3. Do you have guidelines on how you choose your members
4. Do you have an application process
5. How many years do they serve on this committee?
6. Do you have guidelines on what this committee does for your program?

This is all for now. Once I hear back from you I may have more questions.

### MINNESOTA

In Minnesota, statute governs the creation of committees or task forces. Our advisory body, the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force, is by definition a task force in its function. It was created by the Commissioner of Public Safety and is renewed by her every two years. She appoints fifteen members that serve a two year term. Advertising and the appointment process is handled by our Secretary of State's Office. It's a formal appointment process, and I start working with our commissioner and the open appointment staff about four months before we begin a new term. I've attached the latest task force policies and procedures which include specific member qualifications. The Secretary of State's Office has other criteria that are broad and in place for all state task force and committee appointees. Good luck.

~William Shaffer

### MICHIGAN

Hi Carol,

Hopefully the attached comes through ok. Last summer a SMSA committee put together the attached document to help states establish coalitions just as you are talking about. Every state is likely going to be different in their policies. Example being, here in Michigan we really don't turn any agency or

organization away that wants to be a part of our action team (coalition). Partly being because we encourage as much participation as we can get and partly too because we don't have the authority to really turn someone away. There are differences of opinion of course, but for the most part, we all have the same goal in mind. You definitely came to the right place to ask the questions you did. I suspect you will get lots of great feedback.

**~Chad Teachout**

## **NEVADA**

Nevada has two groups.

By statute there is a five member advisory board for our MC program. They are limited to advising and recommending what Nevada Rider does.

We were successful in recently getting motorcycles listed as a critical emphasis area (CEA) in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Currently there are 18 members on the Committee that will work to develop strategies and activities for motorcycle safety. We'll have to put on a few more members to represent other industries/agencies.

There is no application process and the only terms are for the chairman and vice chair who will serve two years. The vice chair takes over the chairman spot when the chair has completed his 2nd year.

The guidelines of what the committee does are on the zero fatalities web site. [http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com/safety\\_plan-shsp\\_teams.php](http://www.zerofatalitiesnv.com/safety_plan-shsp_teams.php)

### Critical Emphasis Area Teams

Leads development and assists with implementation of multi-disciplinary goals and strategies to combat traffic fatalities and serious injuries in team's respective emphasis area;

Ensures team membership is multidisciplinary and includes representatives from at least three of the 4Es of safety (engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency medical services);

Follows up with State SHSP coordinators if assistance is needed on team composition.

Originally I was planning to create an independent coalition but when the opportunity came up to put together a State sanctioned committee/coalition, I went that route. I felt that more could be accomplished when I had the power of all the State agencies working together on MC safety. In addition to State agencies we've also included rider groups, insurance, military, etc.

**~Pete Vander Aa**
