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Survey on Impaired Motorcycle Operation

Please post the attached survey regarding impaired motorcycle operation on the listserv.

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Responses...

Is operating a motorcycle while impaired a problem area in your state?

* Yes... during the 10 year period 2002 through 2011, an average of 39.1% of riders involved in fatal crashes were impaired.

What initiatives or countermeasures are you using to reduce impaired motorcycle operation?

* <http://www.zeroinwisconsin.gov/TheREF/Default.asp>

* Reaching the motorcycling community via our Transportable High-End Rider Education Facility (THE REF).

* Attending 40 to 50 motorcycle specific or general motoring public events each riding season to positively influence rider attitude, behavior, choices and decision making.

* Employing FATAL VISION Goggles at the above events and staffing THE REF with RiderCoaches and members of the law enforcement community.

* At events and activities where it is impractical to employ THE REF, we have been using a SMARTrainer, tent, FATAL VISION Goggles, etc.

* Event Examples: HOG Rally, H-D 110th Anniversary, Tomahawk Annual Fall Color MDA, H-D Annual Milwaukee Rally, Road America Super-Cycle Week-End, Etc

* PSAs, literature, etc

Have you partnered with law enforcement to reduce impaired motorcycle operation?

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* We have partnered with HOG, Wisconsin BMW Riders, GWRRA, ABATE.

How do motorcycle organizations and clubs support your impaired motorcycle operation campaigns?

* By attending events and activities by these organizations with THE REF and SMARTrainers.

~Gregory Patzer

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Survey Response:

Is operating a motorcycle while impaired a problem area in your state?

Yes. Positive Alcohol/Drug testing results of motorcycle operators involved in fatal collisions averages about 10% higher than other motor vehicle operators involved in fatal crashes.

What initiatives or countermeasures are you using to reduce impaired motorcycle operation?

Combination of public information and education campaign supported by targeted enforcement countermeasures (saturation patrols and sobriety check points) in high motorcycle crash counties.

Have you partnered with law enforcement to reduce impaired motorcycle operation?

Yes, we engage with all agencies (State Patrol, Sheriff's Offices and Police Departments) by asking them to include emphasis on impaired motorcyclists in their general traffic enforcement operations and training.

How does law enforcement support your impaired motorcycle operation campaigns?

Generally, almost every agency we work with on a regular basis recognizes and supports the impaired motorcycling prevention initiatives.

Do you partner with motorcycle organizations and clubs to reduce impaired motorcycle operation?

We regularly have the opportunity to address most of the active mc organizations and clubs prior to the riding season and we share the most recent motorcycle crash data, including the impaired motorcyclist information. We make suggestions regarding alcohol consumption control during organization and club activities and keeping an impaired operator from riding. We provide information on why and where the enforcement operations are expected to take place.

How do motorcycle organizations and clubs support your impaired motorcycle operation campaigns?

Generally, the organizations and clubs are concerned, including the need for the enforcement operations. They distribute our posters and printed material too.

~Fred E Zwonechek

IDAHO

Here are Idaho's responses:

Is operating a motorcycle while impaired a problem area in your state?

* Yes, a four year analysis of fatal motorcycle crashes (2009-2012) indicated alcohol/drug involvement by the rider in 33% of the fatalities.

* About 10% of all motorcycle crashes (2008-2012) involved an impaired rider.

What initiatives or countermeasures are you using to reduce impaired motorcycle operation?

* In cooperation with our Office of Highway Safety, we've run a 30 second video spot on impaired riding ("It's not just a funeral" - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1fpOAo6ogs>) as well as billboards and pumptoppers with the message "What are you drinking? Right Choice: Ride Sober" (attached).

* In our 'grad pack' of goodies given out to every person who completes a course, there is a motorcycle shaped key fob with the message "Make the Right Choice - Ride Sober."

Have you partnered with law enforcement to reduce impaired motorcycle operation?

* Our Office of Highway safety has partnered with law enforcement done several rounds of high visibility enforcement; some focusing on impaired driving generally, and some focusing on motorcycles (aggressive, speed, impaired), but I don't believe they've done impaired riding specifically.

How does law enforcement support your impaired motorcycle operation campaigns?

* See above.

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* We have contracted with the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation Awareness & Education (www.mrfae.org<<http://www.mrfae.org>> to deliver "The 3Rs" - a peer-to-peer impaired riding program. How do motorcycle organizations and clubs support your impaired motorcycle operation campaigns?

* Many in groups and club help spread social media messages and videos that we post on sober riding.

~Stacy Axmaker