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CORRECTION TYPO - Iron Eagle was a Panel Member on the November 2011 NHTSA Assessment and initiated a judicial program which has been in effect for nearly a year with spectacular results. Traffic Courts across the country are beginning to adopt this simple fix. In context of offenses with DUI component, the DUI is prosecuted the same as any other DUI, with the added sentencing of on-bike course of instruction and first aid ? AFTER the period of mandatory license suspension. To any states that are interested in our materials, we can be available for a conference call. See our announcement in the email trail below.

On Dec. 2, 2015, IRON EAGLE, as a Charter Member of AMA, presented the first ever safety award to a court for the Las Vegas Municipal Court also being the first in the nation to adopt alternative sentencing for motorcycle traffic offenses ? requiring the offender to take an on-bike safety course and a course of motorcycle related first aid.

The history of this program is short but spectacular. Following a four year decrease in motorcycle fatalities, Nevada became the exception to declining fatalities, and instead, experienced a spike in fatalities ? the largest in the state?s history. 2013 and 2014 saw a double digit increases. In those years, motorcycles represented only 4.5% of the vehicle population in Nevada. However in 2013, motorcycle fatalities represented 20.3% of all vehicle fatalities. Between January 1 and September 1, 2014, motorcycles represented 22% of moving citations and 22.5% of fatalities. By September 1, 2014, 90% of the 40 motorcycle fatalities had received a moving violation within 180 days prior to death.

Of the 36 fatalities receiving a citation, all but six were represented by a ticket fixer and reduced to a non-moving violation. The remainder attended online traffic school and were reduced to nonmoving violations. None attended an ?on-bike? course of instruction.

Based on this information, Iron Eagle independently initiated a project to reduce fatalities in Nevada by working directly with key state legislators and the judicial system to increase their understanding of safe motorcycling and what types of legislation and court actions may be most effective in promoting education and training. The work with Legislators and the courts resulted in the creation of the first traffic court sponsored corrective motorcycle traffic school training and education program in the country.

