



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

78th Air Base Wing (AFMC)  
Robins Air Force Base Georgia

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ROBINS PERSONNEL

FROM: 78 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Safety Program Requirements

1. To continue combating the trend in motorcycle fatalities, the following installation policy applies to all military and civilian personnel assigned to Robins AFB, to include hosted units. This letter supersedes all previous policies on this subject.
2. All military personnel must accomplish Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) training prior to operating a motorcycle on- or off-base, on- or off-duty. All civilian personnel must accomplish MSF training before they operate a motorcycle on-base. One exception to this policy is when licensed/permit operators are granted a temporary authorization letter from the 78 ABW/SEG Office (prior to completing MSF training) when scheduled to attend a MSF training class within a 72-hour period. This is strictly for the purpose of allowing members to get their motorcycles to the training location on the day of the training.
3. When operating a motorcycle, operators must carry an approved motorcycle rider's course completion card. 78th Security Forces Squadron personnel will conduct random compliance checks as directed by me, a duly appointed magistrate, or the Installation Security Officer.
4. Per AFI 91-207 dated 22 May 07, during daylight hours, the only upper outer garments authorized for motorcyclists are brightly colored. For standardization and clarification, on Robins AFB the upper outer garment will be brightly colored, specifically Harley Orange, Fluorescent Yellow, Hunter Orange, Fire-Engine Red and Lime Green. This garment must be worn in hours of daylight. An upper outer garment with highly reflective material, prominently visible from all directions, is required for nighttime, hours of dusk, and when raining. Contrasting colors are no longer an option, and the wear of vests at all times is strongly recommended. Wearing a backpack is authorized only if it has brightly colored/reflective properties (ie: black backpack with reflective belt around the center) and must be worn with the brightly colored outer garment during the day/reflective upper outer garment at night.
5. Squadron commanders or equivalent must conduct one-on-one counseling with individuals who ride motorcycles. This counseling will utilize the Commander's Briefing on Motorcycle Safety (attached) and covers, at a minimum, the risks, standards of conduct, and proper personal protective equipment required. The counseling will be accomplished before operators are authorized to ride.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren D. Berry".

WARREN D. BERRY  
Colonel, USAF  
Installation Commander

Attachment:  
Commander's Briefing on Motorcycle Safety

## COMMANDER'S BRIEFING ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

**PURPOSE:** This briefing paper is to provide squadron commanders with a basic list of items they should brief motorcycle riders within their unit before allowing them to operate a motorcycle on the roads. The major concerns are standards of conduct, bearing/behavior and utilization of proper personal protective equipment.

- Air Force Instruction 91-207, dated 22 May 2007, and DoD Instruction 6055.4, dated 20 July 1999, and the Installation Commander's policy letter outline the requirements for military personnel who operate a motorcycle on or off Robins AFB and civilian personnel who operate a motorcycle on Robins AFB.
- Requirements for motorcycle, motor scooter and moped operations on Robins AFB and for operation by military personnel off Robins AFB include the following:
  - Only operators may ride mopeds--no passengers
  - Headlights must be on
  - Vehicle must have rear-view mirrors
- The following protective equipment is required for all operators/passengers:
  - A properly fastened (under the chin) protective helmet certified to meet US Department of Transportation (DoT) standards
  - A properly worn eye protective device (impact shatter resistant goggles, or full-faced shield properly attached to the helmet)
  - Properly worn sturdy footwear. Riders will wear leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes that afford protection for the feet and ankles, and lower parts of the legs (durable athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn). Sandals, low quarter sneakers, and similar foot wear provide little protection and cannot be worn
  - Properly worn long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long-legged trousers, and full-fingered gloves appropriate for use on a motorcycle. Gloves should be sturdy, non-slip type to permit a firm grip on the controls.
  - The only upper outer garment authorized for motorcycle day use on Robins AFB is a brightly colored upper outer garment and for night use, a reflective upper outer garment. Contrasting colors are no longer an option. Vests are strongly recommended.
- Standards of Conduct must be enforced at all times when operating a motorcycle
  - Obey the posted speed limit at all times, and drive according to road and weather conditions
  - Ensure you accomplish all mandatory training--a civilian motorcycle endorsement and complete an approved motorcycle training course (Motorcycle Safety Foundation)
  - Proper bearing/behavior must be in the forefront at all times
  - Never attempt to operate the motorcycle beyond your or its capabilities
  - Never operate a motorcycle or any other vehicle while intoxicated
  - Never let anyone ride your motorcycle who is not properly trained
- Civilian personnel must complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation motorcycle training course that includes hands-on training and evaluation prior to operating a motorcycle.
- Military personnel must complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation motorcycle training course that includes hands-on training and evaluation prior to operating their motorcycle, whether on or off duty.

Individual's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Briefing \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Commander's Signature \_\_\_\_\_