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From the Editor in Chief

Misty Oelhafen

uring these trying economic times, we would like to extend a special thank you for your patronage as a current or past customer of Harley-Davidson® law enforcement motorcycles and products. Customer satisfaction is our highest priority, and it always gives us a feeling of pride when we hear stories about the success of the motor units.

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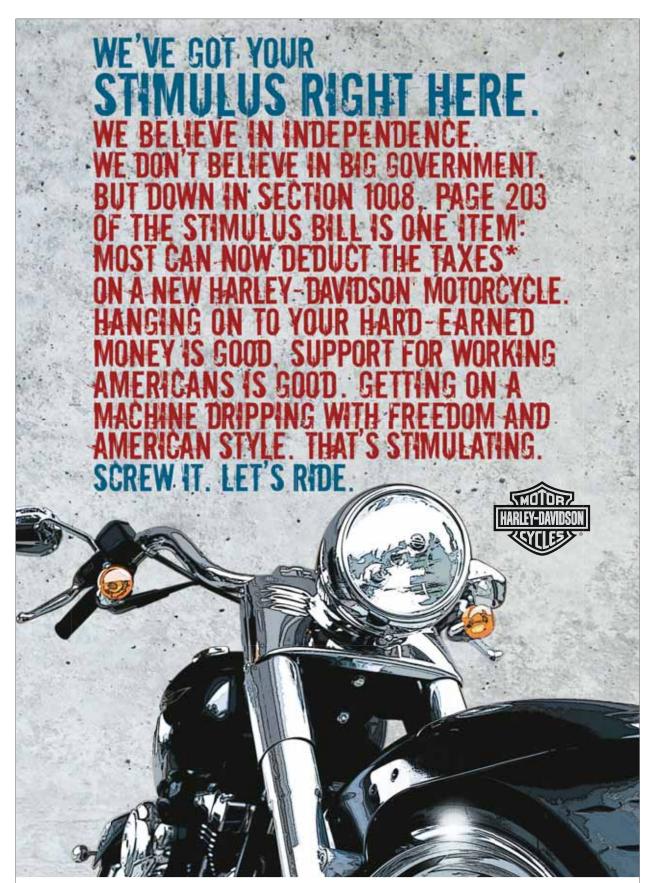
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Engine Idle Temperature Management System

By Harley-Davidson Motor Company

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U.S. Park Police and Harley-Davidson® Motorcycles in the Inaugural Parade

Photos and story by Christy Bowe, Image Catcher News Service



Lieutenant Scott Fear of the United States Park Police Motor Unit rides a specially equipped 2009 Harley-Davidson® "Concept Trike" in the Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, DC on Jan. 20. The U.S. Park Police and other law enforcement agencies are helping test the vehicle for possible future production. (U.S. Park Police Motor Unit)

ieutenant Scott Fear, commander of the Motor Division of the U.S. Park Police, has been with the U.S. Park Police for 19 years and has been escorting Presidents since 2004. He takes great pride in having the honor to escort the President, Vice President and foreign dignitaries.

The U.S. Park Police is the official escort service of the President of the United States, and Harley-



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Davidson® Police motorcycles have been the official motorcycle of the U.S. Park Police since 1918.

An official escort detail for the President also includes officers from the D.C. Metropolitan Police and the U.S. Secret Service, Uniformed Division.

Lieutenant Fear's job has allowed him to participate in historic events such as President Obama's inauguration, President Reagan's funeral and the dedication of the WWII Memorial.

This year, Lieutenant Fear proudly performed his escort duties using the concept Harley-Davidson® Tri-Glide® while working with President George W. Bush during his final days in office and with newly elected President Barack Obama.

Lieutenant Fear has enjoyed rid-



ing the new Tri-Glide® for the past two months. He describes the riding experience as "extremely smooth, safe and the topic of conversation." Since he is the only person in the nation riding this concept Harley-Davidson® Police Tri-Glide, he has been the center of "a lot of attention with a very positive response."

In addition to having ridden this unique vehicle in the 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade, Lieutenant Fear also participated in the Cherry Blossom and St. Patrick's Day Parades.

(Christy Bowe, Image Catcher News Service photos)



Local Restaurant Donates Motorcycle Lease to Middleton, WI Police Department

By Kevin Nelson

he Middleton, WI Police Department will soon have a new weapon in its arsenal, a 2009 Harley-Davidson® FLHP Police Road King® with an officer well trained to use it.

However, none of this would have been possible without Scott Acker, owner of the Quaker Steak and Lube franchise in Middleton. When Captain Don Mueller mentioned how a Department of Transportation grant to the city to obtain a motorcycle fell through, Acker quickly offered his help.

Acker's love of bikes cycled back to the Middleton Police Department in the form of a full three-year lease of a decked out FLHP Police Road King®, plus two weeks of training for the officer who will become the motor officer. In total, Acker donated more than \$15,000 to help out the force.

"I knew this motorcycle would definitely help the squad; motorcycles can break through a gridlocked beltline or go on bike trails to help injured bikers," Acker said. "With the motorcycle, the police force can respond to more situations."

Captain Mueller knows full well the benefits of the bike and looks forward to implementing them after training is complete.

"Riding a police motorcycle requires a very special skills set," Mueller said. "The officer needs to keep himself and the public safe, while simultaneously scanning the roadways for criminal activity."

When the motorcycle needs storage for the winter, it will not sit idly

in a garage, but on prominent display at Quaker Steak & Lube.

"Our business comes from people who love motorcycles," said Acker, franchise whose commonly brings in more than 800 bikers a week for Bike Night, its summer concert series. "To be able to not only give back Middleton, but also help its motorcycling community, is a tremendous thing for us."

The original Quaker Steak & Lube® was founded in 1974 and built in an abandoned gas station in Sharon, PA

as a cook-your-own steak restaurant. Today, the Lube has won over 100 national and international awards for its wings and 18 different wing sauces. The Lube features unique décor items including race cars suspended from the ceilings, motorcycles, Corvettes and gas station memorabilia decorating the walls.

Quaker Steak & Lube, voted "Best Wings USA," was recently named Best Family Friendly Dining in the Cleveland market and brought home first and second places for chicken wing sauces from the National Buffalo Wing Festival in



Quaker Steak and Lube General Manager Mike Hinish, Middleton Patrol Officer Mike Wood, and Middleton Police Sergeant Don Mueller. (Photo submitted by Jim Geisking.)

Buffalo, New York. The Lube also won three first place Golden Chile Awards for its sauces at the Fiery Food Challenge and recently won for best creative toppings at the National Hamburger Festival for its legendary Lubeburger.

The company began franchising in 1997 and has plans to open eight restaurants in 2009.

For more information on Quaker Steak & Lube, please visit http://www.quakersteakandlube.com/Madison_WI. To arrange an interview with Scott Acker, please contact Jim Geisking at 608-558-0693.



Number of Law Enforcement Officers Killed in the United States Falls Sharply in 2008





Dramatic reversal from 2007; fewest officers killed by gunfire in 50 years; record number of female officers die this year

By Kevin Morrison

ashington, DC – 2008 was one of the safest years for U.S. law enforcement in decades. The number of officers killed in the line of duty fell sharply last year when compared with 2007, and officers killed by gunfire reached a 50-year low.

Based on analysis of preliminary data, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) found that 140 officers died in the line of duty as of this writing. That is 23 percent lower than the 2007 figure of 181 and represents one of the lowest years for officer fatalities since the mid-1960s.

The reduction includes a steep 40 percent drop in the number of officers who were shot and killed, from 68 in 2007 to 41 in 2008. The last time firearms-related fatalities were this low was 1956, when there were 35 such deaths. The 2008 figure is 74 percent lower than the total for 1973, when a near-record high 156 law enforcement officers were shot and killed.

"2007 was a wake-up call for law enforcement in our country, and law enforcement executives, officers, associations and trainers clearly heeded the call, with a renewed emphasis on officer safety training, equipment and procedures," said NLEOMF Chairman and CEO Craig W. Floyd. "The reduction in firearms-related deaths is especially

stunning, given the tremendous firepower possessed by so many criminals today. The fact that law enforcement has been able to drive down the crime rate, and do so with increased efficiency and safety, is a testament to the hard work and professionalism of our officers," Floyd added.

"Concerns of Police Survivors is pleased to see the reduction in officer deaths for 2008 and hope this is a trend we will see year after year. But we also know that for each of the surviving families and co-work-

In 2008, for the 11th year in a row, more law enforcement officers, 71, died in trafficrelated incidents than from gunfire or any other single cause of death.

ers, their one officer is one too many," said C.O.P.S. National President Jennifer Thacker. "These families, co-workers and agencies are struggling to cope with life without their officer and will need support from C.O.P.S. before, during and long after National Police Week. C.O.P.S. will continue its efforts to provide life rebuilding support and resources for 2008 surviving families and affected co-workers, as well as past year survivors to help them rebuild their shattered lives. We will embrace these families and affected

co-workers and assure them there is no fee to join C.O.P.S., for the price paid is already too high," she said.

In 2008, for the 11th year in a row, more law enforcement officers, 71, died in traffic-related incidents than from gunfire or any other single cause of death. Mirroring the nationwide drop in traffic fatalities among the general public this year, the number of officers killed in traffic incidents was down 14 percent from 2007. In 2007, a record high 83 officers died on our roadways. Of 2008's traffic-related fatalities, 44 officers died in automobile crashes, 10 died in motorcycles crashes, and 17 were struck and killed by other vehicles.

Among other causes of death, 17 officers succumbed to job-related physical illnesses, three died in aircraft accidents, two were fatally stabbed, two died in bomb-related incidents, and one each was beaten to death, drowned, accidentally electrocuted and died in a train accident.

Fifteen of the officers killed in 2008 were women, equaling the all-time high set in 2002. 2008 marked the first time that more than 10 percent of the officers who died in a year were female. Among all officers killed in 2008, the average age was 40, and the officers had served an average of 12 years in law enforcement.

Texas, for the second year in a row, experienced the most law enforcement officer fatalities,

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although the state's 2008 total of 14 was down from 22 in 2007. California had 12 officer fatalities, followed by Florida and Pennsylvania, with eight each. Four of the eight Pennsylvania officers to die this year were members of the Philadelphia Police Department, which experienced the most deaths of any agency. Thirty-five states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands lost officers in 2008. Eight officers serving with federal law enforcement agencies also died in 2008, down from 17 in 2007.

Floyd cited a number of reasons for the sharp decline in officer fatalities: 1) better training and equip-

ment, plus a realization among officers that "every assignment is potentially life-threatening, no matter how routine or benign it might seem;" 2) increased use of less-lethal weaponry, including TASER stun guns, which allow officers to apprehend resisting violent offenders with less chance of assault or injury; 3) more officers wearing bullet-resistant vests; over the past 20 years, vests have saved more than 3,000 law enforcement lives; 4) a downturn in violent crime; the Department of Justice reported that violent crime is at its lowest level since 1973; and 5) a tougher criminal justice system,

with a record 2.3 million offenders in correctional facilities nationwide.

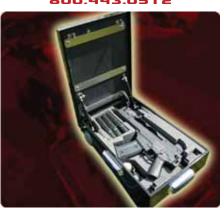
The statistics released by the NLEOMF and C.O.P.S. are preliminary and do not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2009. The report, "Law Enforcement Officer Deaths. Preliminary 2008 Report," is available at www.nleomf.org. For information on the programs that Concerns of Police Survivors offers to the surviving families of America's fallen law enforcement officers, visit www.nationalcops.org.

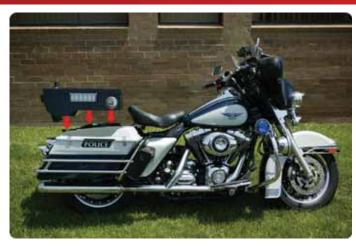


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Representing Your Motor Unit

Photos and story by Lieutenant Jim Polan, Seminole Police Department, Hollywood, FL

hether you're local, county or state police and assigned to a motor unit, the actual name of the group could be different; however, the overall goals and objectives for each team remain the same. Or do they?

Every team has a different entry level standard on how to choose and train new personnel. Some are more challenging than others; however, standards do exist. Every team should have some type of continuous training that focuses on job-relevant tasks. Some teams have strict physical profile standards, and some teams do not have any. Operating procedures vary from team to team.

Webster's dictionary defines a *team as*:

- a group working together;
- to join together in a team;
- to unite in a team;
- and two or more players on the same side in a game.

A motor unit is a team. Even though teams vary in procedures, I'm confident that all teams agree on their most important objective or primary job responsibility. Two studies show that the number one task for motor officers nationwide is traffic enforcement.

Being on the motorcycle unit offers many advantages with enforcement, education and community contact. A motor officer is very approachable when compared with his peers inside a patrol vehicle with the windows rolled up, talking on the cell phone. Can you remember a time when someone asked to take a picture of you and your patrol car?

Knowing and understanding that



Motor Officers in Philadelphia are represented during an in-the-line-of-duty funeral procession.

the welfare of the team or organization is far greater than your individual needs is something that usually arrives with time and experience.

It is important to realize that once you become a member of any motor unit, your actions no longer represent you as an individual. Once you are awarded a position on the team and put on boots and breeches, you now represent many!

If you perform well, the team performs well and if you fail, then the team fails. This requires a great deal of additional accountability.

A real example

What if a member of your unit displays a "chip on his shoulder" with the attitude that he is better than others or demonstrates unacceptable behavior with other law enforcement officers or civilians? Unfortunately, we see this occur in professional sports when one athlete creates problems either on or off the field of play. It not only affects the individual but the organization and other team members.

Another relevant example is using Police Motorcycle Training Seminars.

When Officer David Sciandra won first place overall at the Harley-Davidson Competition held in Milwaukee in August of 2008, he represented the Jacksonville Motor Unit and the entire Jacksonville Sheriff's Office with a job well done!

Now what about the other guy on your team who rides on the edge: always bangs side to side with the floor boards, working the throttle, locking the rear brake with a slight skid. Every motor unit either has one or did at some time. This unprofes-

sional behavior should be stopped by the leadership of your unit because the actions of that one represent all of you! Not to mention that riding behavior is dangerous to the rider and those who surround that motor officer. With experience, time in the saddle and proper leadership and training, this rider will learn that "smooth is fast."

How do you "represent" your team? What does "represent" truly mean to you?

Webster's dictionary defines "represent" as:

- to stand for (the uniform worn by the motor officer);
- to portray (the image of being held to a higher standard because of your position of being in a specialty unit);
- to act or speak on behalf of (members who are part of this team must lead by example);
- to describe a specific character or quality (character and quality are traits that make up team members).

Supervisors and instructors, ultimately this responsibility of "represent" falls upon you, so you need to take charge and lead from the front. You also need to help set up and tear down for the training. Without question, you must attend training and practice. The concept of "been there done that" does not apply to those young motor officers who never observed your participation. Supervisors and instructors don't need to be the best riders, but they must ride and train without any concern of embarrassment because of their skill level.

The team is a reflection of those who make the decisions. Therefore, you must represent!

The supervisors who have been assigned to the motor unit for an administrative purpose and have no experience in traffic or motorcycle operations have even more of a challenge. This assignment probably should never happen, but if it has, make it work. How can one lead and evaluate in this specialty assignment when you yourself have never completed a basic motorcycle school or worked a Selective Enforcement Program? Also, you have to earn trust, loyalty and respect. How will you inspire them to "represent" if you have never performed?

If you fall into this category, then understand that learning should be an ongoing and continuous throughout your career. Get out there and learn the job along with earning respect.

Representing must come from the team as a whole, but more important, from the individual motor officer. Here are a few basic line principles:

1. Attitude: A motor officer must have a positive attitude without having a "chip" on his shoulder or the thought that he is better than anyone who is not on motors. For any operator who believes that he is better, you will only separate from the rank and file and may create the "us vs. them" mentality. Even worse for those teams that feel that they are the best team....there are no such teams.

Remember, when we start to believe that we are better than others, we may fail. The reason for failure is the lack of learning and preparation. After all, if you're already the best then why continue to improve and practice?



Officers from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.



Motor officers from Broward Sheriff's Office rally around a former BSO Motor Deputy Trent at the Southeast Police Motorcycle Safety Trials.

In 2007, when the New England Patriots were running the table with an undefeated NFL season, their head coach spoke about being "humble," and many of the players wore T-shirts with "Humble Pie" printed on the front.

2. Behavior: The behavior that you display with the team and without the team truly identifies the heartbeat of the team. Don't allow unprofessional, unacceptable behavior to stop the heartbeat that you have worked so diligently to establish. If embarrassment is brought to your team by a member, deal with it swiftly without weakness. If you fail or hesitate on your decision, you will only harm those who truly represent the team. Leaders do your job!

The behavior of one is the behav-

ior of all. If that one cannot stand alone and be professional, then eliminate the problem. Good leadership involves taking control for the best interest of the team. Leadership does not only come from those with stripes and brass on the collar but from those members who truly make the team operate.

The "locker room leader" can be more valuable than any supervisor by rank. The team gravitates toward this individual because he walks the walk and represents the team.

Others go to the locker room leader for advice and direction. They seek input and acceptance. This person can truly help make you successful, or he can "rock the boat" by creating problems. Embrace this leader and use this position to improve the unit.

- 3. Command Presence: To wear the uniform or pin, you must exhibit command presence to represent. Being physically fit demonstrates your commitment and dedication as an individual and as a team member because of the high standards that you are required to maintain.
- 4. Desire: It truly takes a special kind of law enforcement officer to accept the role of a motor officer. One needs the desire to seek a new approach in conducting business, a fresh opportunity to learn and, of course, the tactical techniques used to solve problems.
- 5. Professionalism: Ensure that everyone around you has a positive opinion of you as an individual,

which will then have the same opinion of the team.

Your agency has a large investment in you and the team—education, equipment, experience and training just to name a few. Just like our personal financial investments, preparing for our family's future, this total investment made by the agency is preparing you for that one day.

At the Broward Sheriff's Office, there are 54 motor deputies who ride 2008 Harley-Davidson® FLHP Police Road Kings® that are leased from Fort Lauderdale Harley-Davidson, which carries a large monthly investment and commitment from the agency.

Agency investment continues with a two-week intensive basic motorcycle training program followed by a four-week field training program. If the deputy successfully completes all six weeks, he is assigned a motor position. From that point, he is scheduled to attend eight hours of in-service training every month, annual day and night qualifications, eight hours of firearms training with the motorcycle, and eight hours of traffic stop scenarios to test

his ability and skill in force-on-force realistic scenarios.

Now remains the individual deputy equipment investment: Super Seer Helmet with wireless SET COM, Sam Browne, long- and short-sleeve shirts to include an "honor guard" shirt used specifically for special events, five pairs of breeches; quality reflective rain gear; and motorcycle boots.

It's difficult to measure the actual training costs for each deputy. But without question, we can easily use the word "high." \$3,500.00 is the approximate total start-up cost for each motor deputy. And let's not forget the monthly payment for the motorcycle lease.

Most articles written for motor officers discuss training issues, accident avoidance exercises, escort procedures and various operational concerns. But how many discuss the personal ethics, leadership and values of the team members? Whether you're a local, county or state, a part-time or full-time team motor officer, your personal character will be displayed by your actions, behavior and conduct.

Being part of a special team is an

honor, and you have a choice to "walk the walk" or be the guy with the chip on his shoulder who is a member of a team with an attitude. If you are that one, I hope your leadership is strong enough to make an immediate impact by correcting the attitude or removing you from the unit.

Find your bearing: Bearing is general appearance, carriage, deportment and conduct. This is the ability to look, act and speak like a leader. It is an essential element in a leader's effectiveness and should be cultivated by maintaining impeccable personal appearance, avoiding profane or vulgar language, keeping your word, holding your temper, speaking clearly and walking erect.

Source: United States Marine Corps Leadership Traits.

Make the choice.

Jim Polan is a 28-year veteran of law enforcement and a retired captain with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. He is currently a lieutenant with the Seminole Police Department in Hollywood, FL.



Motor Officers are called upon to serve a secondary function and represent their agency. Here the Broward Sheriff's Office Motor Officers are standing strong during the funeral of Sgt. Chris Reyka.



The Trail of Honor

Story by Karla Cato Sherman

emorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day are all wonderful opportunities to pay homage to the men and women who have fought in the past and for those who are fighting right now for our freedoms. We sometimes take freedom for granted and we should be mindful of these sacrifices year round.

The Trail of Honor, the brainchild of Earl Rottman, Chuck Holifield, Don Stringer and Lucky Osbourne, serves just that purpose. It is an inter-



active event held annually that highlights the lifestyles of all "American wars from the French and Indian (1754-1763) to the present war on terrorism." As a tribute to the military past and present, its purpose is simply to educate the public about life in each conflict period and to pay homage to brave men and women in our military. It is a three-day event, free to the public.

Motorcycles that served in our war efforts were on display to emphasize the role that they held during those periods. Motorcycles were an invaluable part of the war effort by serving as couriers and such.

Motor officers from various cities, counties and State Troopers from Mississippi and Louisiana were well



represented at last year's event, showing their support and pride in patriotism. With blue lights flashing, all exit ramps were blocked by patrol men and women, while others escorted the Riders for the Run for the Wall to the Jackson Harley-Davidson shop for lunch. It was truly quite an impressive display watching them ride and wave to all the spectators on the sides of the road and on overpasses.



Earl Rottman, owner of Central Mississippi Harley-Davidson dealership, provided lunch for the Riders for the Wall when they passed through on the Southern Route to Washington, DC. An estimated 500 riders converged on the Harley-Davidson shop on Memorial Day. They then went to see the Vietnam Memorial Wall to pay their respects. All of this was in an effort "to promote healing among all veterans, as well as their families and friends, to

call for accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing action (POW/MIA), and to honor the memory of those killed in action (KIA)." It was estimated that approximately 15,000 to 20,000

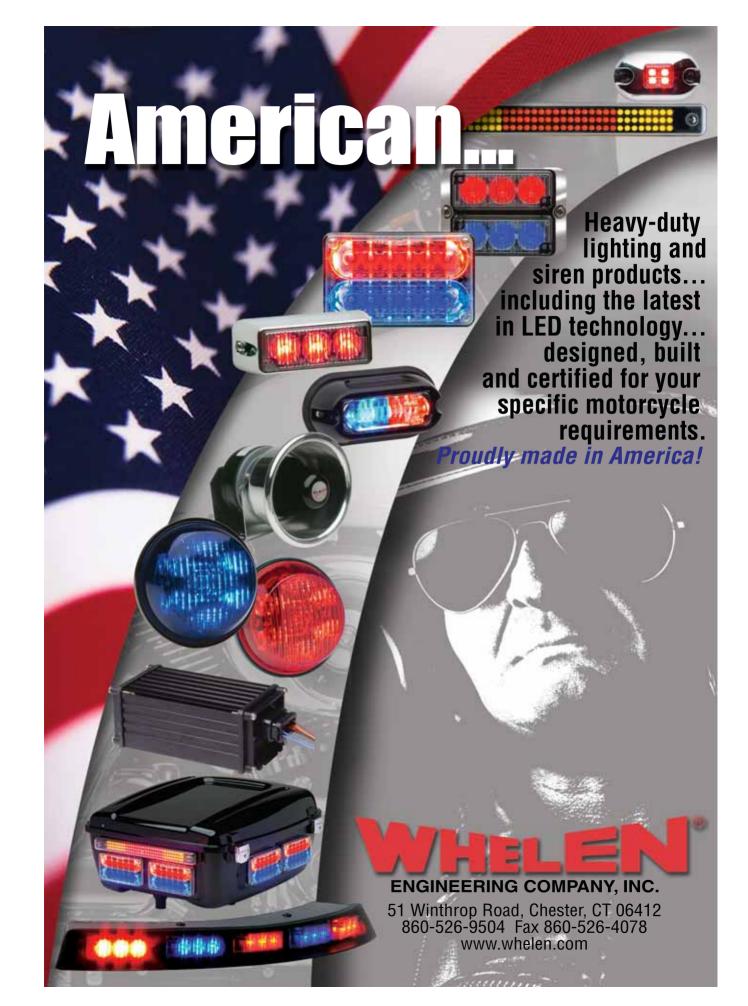
spectators passed through the trail that weekend.

In terms of sacrifice, the Moving Wall was set up as a memorial to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The Moving Wall is treated as hallowed ground and given the same honor and respect of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. It travels around the country, allowing those who cannot make it to Washington to pay their respects.

So, the next time you celebrate Memorial Day or plan your Fourth of July event, think about more than just hamburgers, hotdogs and picnics. Consider that our very freedom was gained at a great expense and should not be taken lightly.

Submitted by Earl Rottman, Central Mississippi Harley-Davidson.







Rescue Motorcycle Emergency Response Team

Special Operations Division "Ride For Life"

Photos and story by Captain Roman Bas, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Motorcycle Response Team, Special Operations Division

he Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) Mission is to enhance our EMS services and contribute to MDFR's performance by reducing response times throughout our community by providing medical care in a safe and expedient manner, thus increasing patient survivability.

While the concept was created in 2002, operations began in March, 2006.

Miami-Dade County is ranked among the top 4 areas in the nation for traffic congestion. Miami-Dade has a population of 2,400,000 inhabitants, of which 70% (1,598,322) are registered drivers. Approximately 1,290,000 vehicles are registered in Miami-Dade County. These numbers translate to overburdened major arteries and secondary roads, many of which are already taxed with extensive construction projects. The resulting side effect of this is gridlock. Our fire department suppression and rescue units respond to a significant amount of life-threatening calls throughout the county, but many of these calls are hard to get to

due to the difficulty of navigating our large units through heavy traffic. The Motorcycle Emergency Response Team (MERT) arrives at the scene in a more expedient manner. This lowers our response times, initiates medical treatment and keeps our fire rescue units in service and available for other calls within their respective territory, thus making the service the department provides more efficient.

The program incorporates the use of motorcycles in MDFR's daily fire rescue operations. Each



From left to right, Firefighter Edwin Baez, Lieutenant Leo Hernandez, Lieutenant Gerald Garcia, Captain Roman Bas, Lieutenant Charles Perdomo, Firefighter Emilio Aun, Lieutenant Robert Schaaf, and Firefighter Juan Suarez

team consists of two motor medics who are assigned to various sectors of the county from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MERT members monitor their radios for all calls that occur within their sector and respond accordingly. Upon arrival at the scene, they make a rapid patient assessment, size up the need for additional units to respond and determine the need for patient transport by ambulance, rescue or air transport.

The increasing traffic congestion in Miami-Dade County requires highly maneuverable, low-volume vehicles to access scenes more expediently. The MERT fleet consists of 10 Harley-Davidson® FLHP Police

- Decrease of on-scene times for ALS and fire suppression units;
- Emergency medical response and accessibility to large crowds at major events:
- Availability of triage and reconnaissance at major incidents and disasters;
 - · Dignitary details;
- Reduction of wear and tear to large fleet units;
 - Fuel economy

Description

The MERT acts as a first responder unit. MERT units are available to respond on all emergency calls via self-dispatch or at the request of the Fire Alarm Office (FAO). MERT

department from July 2004 to July 2005. When the study was conducted, the average response time to life threatening emergencies by large fleet units was 7.00 minutes. This represents a reduction in response time by approximately 60%.

Medical Benefits

A study conducted by the American Heart Association concluded that in order to increase patient survivability in a life-threatening cardiac emergency, CPR and defibrillation must be performed within the first 3 to 5 minutes from the time the incident occurred. The MERT units average response time meets and exceeds this criterion.

Training

All MERT personnel go through the 80-hour Police Basic Motorcycle School and an additional 40 hours of motor medic procedures. They must maintain their certification by qualifying on a monthly basis at the motorcycle training facility.

Web Links:

http://www.miamidade.gov/mdfr/ emergency_special_mert.asp

http://www.emsresponder.com/web/online/Top-EMS-News/Miami-Dade-Fire-Rescue-Introduces-Motorcycle-Medic-Team/1\$3978

http://firefightingnews.com/article-US.cfm?articleID=43053

For more information contact: Capt. Roman Bas at romab@miamidade.gov.

The Motorcycle Emergency Response Team (MERT) arrives at the scene in a more expedient manner.

This lowers our response times, initiates medical treatment and keeps our fire rescue units in service and available for other calls.

Road King® rescue motorcycles, which measure 37.2 inches wide, versus the average fire rescue response truck width of 102 inches (or 10 feet) mirror to mirror.

Other functions include special events, special assignment utilization throughout Miami-Dade County and post-disaster reconnaissance and response.

MERT program objectives include:

- Reduced response times;
- Increased patient survivability;
- Increased access to early defibrillation and medical treatment;
- Availability of ALS (Advanced Life Support) and fire suppression units for other calls;

units have the capability of canceling suppression and rescue units that are dispatched to non-life-threatening calls and respond as an additional unit on all other potentially life-threatening incidents. Once a MERT unit has arrived, it can cancel all incoming units if not on a major roadway.

Appraisal

The goal of the MERT program was to reduce response times to life-threatening medical emergencies. The MERT units decreased response times by more than half, with an average response time of 2.8 minutes to life-threatening emergencies. This information is based on the pilot study that was conducted by the

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HP0124 - Black T-Shirt: Short sleeved t-shirt with "Protected By" seal logo on front. Police Hat & logo on back. Sizes: M - XXXL \$25.00

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HP0126 - Black Long Sleeve F-Shirt: Jersey long sleeved t-shirt with Hat logo on front and Police "Ride Forever" logo on back. "Ride Forever" screened on left sleeve. Sizes: M - XXXL \$30.00

HP0127 - Black Performance Shirt: Short sleeved micro fiber crew neck with inherent moisture wicking to keep dry and cool. Soft and wrinkle resistant. Police Badge logo embroidered on sleeve Sizes: M - XXL \$30.00

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\$55.00

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HP0133 - 34oz. Bubba Keg: Stainless Steel and plastic outer with plastic inner. Dual-wall insulation to preserve hot or cold beverages. Screw-on, flip top lid. Police logo on stainless steel. \$20.00

HP0134 - "Shooter" Shot Glass: 2 oz shot glass with thick base. Police logo on side. Made in USA. \$7.00

HP0135 - Police Backpack: Holds vital gear to get through the day. Pockets for accessories, cell phone, water bottle. EZ access front zippered compartment. Audio pocket with earphone port. Police logo embroidered on front. \$37.01

HP0136 - Police Blanket: A soft plush micro fiber acrylic 50"x60" throw blanket with Harley-Davidson® Police Eagle logo weaved into the material. Proudly made in the USA. \$47,00

HP0137 – Floor Mat: Police badge logo on gray 18"x27" floor mat. Practical and a great collectible for the office or home. Made in the USA. \$49.00

HP0138 – Police Challenge Coin: Police logo surrounded by banner with "To Protect and Serve Come Hell or High Water" on front. Stars and Stripes circled by "Harley-Davidson" Police Motorcycles" on back. \$20.00

HP0139 - Police Ride Bell: Custom sterling silver Police badge logo ride bell. A must have collectible. \$69.00

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HP0140 - Custom Bomber Jacket: Custom nylon jacket Made in the USA. 100% nylon polyester outer shell a light quit lining. Inside left chest pocket and a large embroidered Police logo on the full back with Harley-Davidson script on left chest.Offers 2 front zippered pockets and one on the left sleeve. Sizes: S - XXXL \$155.00

HP0141 - Police Flashlight: Pocket Aluminum LED flashlight in orange. Police badge logo lasered on barrel. Ultra bright with long life. A reliable and useful tool. \$15.00



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MERCHANDISE PROGRAM

HS2124 - Gray T-Shirt: Short sleeved t-shirt with "Protected By" seal logo on front. Sheriff Hat & logo on back. Sizes: M - XXXL \$25.00

HS2125 - Black T-Shirt: Short sleeved t-shirt with Hat logo on front. New "Ride Forever" Sheriff logo on back. Sizes: M - XXXL \$25.00

HS2127 - Black Performance Shirt: Short sleeved micro fiber crew neck with inherent moisture wicking to keep dry and cool. Soft and wrinkle resistant. Sheriff Badge logo embroidered on sleeve. Sizes: M - XXL\$30.00

HS2128 - Black Sport Wind Shirt: Long sleeved wind shirt with 42 zip cadet collar. Polyurethane coating provides wind and water protection while still being cozy and warm. Sheriff Badge logo embroidered on left chest. Sizes: M - XXXL \$58.00

HS2129 - Gray Polar Fleece Jacket: Full zip soft fleece jacket provides a cozy warmth. Two front pockets with elastic cuffs and waistband. Sheriff Badge logo embroidered on left chest. Sizes: M - XXXL \$55.00

HS2130 – New Custom Nylon Jacket: Black and Gray custom nylon jacket. Made in the USA. Large embroidered Sheriff Eagle logo on back and Harley-Davidson® logo left chest. Raglan sleeves and full zip to collar. Also offers 2 front zippered pockets and one inside left chest security pocket. Elastic cuffs and waistband. Sizes: S – XXXL \$155.00

HS2131 - Black Sheriff Fitted Hat: "Property of Harley-Davidson® Motorcycles Sheriff" embroidered on the crown. "Ride Forever" on back. Flex band for increased comfort and logo wrapped around the inside band. One size fits most. \$25.00

HS2132 - Aluminum Water Bottle: Orange 26 oz bottle with Sheriff black logo on the side. Includes black pouch & gift box. \$15.00

HS2133 - 34oz. Bubba Keg: Stainless Steel and plastic outer with plastic inner. Dual-wall insulation to preserve hot or cold beverages. Screw-on, flip top lid. Sheriff logo on stainless steel. \$20.00

HS2134 – "Shooter" Shot Glass: 2 oz shot glass with thick base. Sheriff logo on side. Made in USA. \$7.00

HS2135 - Sheriff Backpack: Holds vital gear to get through the day. Pockets for accessories, cell phone, water bottle. EZ access front zippered compartment. Audio pocket with earphone port. Sheriff logo embroidered on front.

HS2136 – Sheriff Blanket: A soft plush micro fiber acrylic 50"x 60" throw blanket with Harley-Davidson® Sheriff Eagle logo weaved into the material. Proudly made in the USA. \$47.00

HS2137 - Floor Mat: Sheriff badge logo on Gray 18"x27" floor mat. Practical and a great collectible for the office or home. Made in the USA. \$49.00

HS2138 - Sheriff Challenge Coin: Sheriff logo surrounded by banner with "To Protect and Serve Come Hell or High Water" on front. Stars and Stripes circled by "Harley-Davidson" Sheriff Motorcycles" on back.\$20.00

HS2139 - Sheriff Ride Bell: Custom sterling silver Sheriff badge logo ride bell. A must have collectible. \$69.00

HS2140 – Custom Bomber Jacket: Custom nylon jacket Made in the USA. 100% nylon polyester outer shell a light quit lining. Inside left chest pocket and a large embroidered Sheriff logo on the full back with Harley-Davidson script on left chest. Offers 2 front zippered pockets and one on the left sleeve. Sizes: S – XXXL \$155.00

HS2141 - Sheriff Flashlight: Pocket Aluminum LED flashlight in silver. Sheriff badge logo lasered on barrel. Ultra bright with long life. A reliable and useful tool. \$15.00

LICENSED TROOPER MERCHANDISE PROGRAM

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HT3007 - Black T-Shirt: Short sleeved t-shirt with Trooper Hat & logo on front. New "Ride Forever" Trooper logo on back. Sizes: M - XXXL \$25.00

HT3008 – Navy Performance T-Shirt: Short sleeved micro fiber crew neck with inherent moisture wicking to keep dry and cool. Soft and wrinkle resistant. Trooper Badge logo embroidered on sleeve. Sizes: M – XXL \$30.00

HT3009 – Custom Nylon Jacket: Black and Gray custom nylon jacket. Made in the USA. Large embroidered Trooper Winged Wheel logo on back and Harley-Davidson* logo left chest. Raglan sleeves and full zip to collar. Also offers 2 front zippered pockets and one inside left chest security pocket. Elastic cuffs and waistband. Sizes: S – XXXL \$155.00

HT3010 - Navy Fitted Hat: "Property of Harley-Davidson[®] Motorcycles Sheriff" embroidered on the crown. "Ride Forever" on back. Flex band for increased comfort and logo wrapped around the inside band. One size fits most. \$25.00

HT3011 – 34oz. Bubba Keg: Stainless Steel and plastic outer with plastic inner. Dual-wall insulation to preserve hot or cold beverages. Screw-on, flip top lid. Trooper Winged Wheel logo on stainless steel. \$20.00

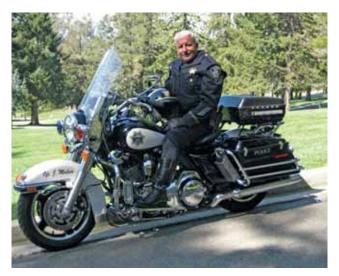
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HT3013 - Trooper Challenge Coin: Trooper Winged Wheel logo surrounded by banner with "To Protect and Serve Come Hell or High Water" on front. Stars and Stripes circled by "Harley-Davidson® Trooper Motorcycles" on back. \$20.0









Officer John Molica, a 23-year veteran of the El Cerrito, CA Police Department, on a 2009 Harley-Davidson® FLHP Police Road King®. In 2008, Officer Molica issued 2,500 citations, completed 30 child safety seat inspections, completed a certified commercial enforcement vehicle course and was a part of five DUI check points. In addition to his regular traffic duties, Officer Molica also completes vehicle inspections on cars involved in serious collisions and processes DUI reports. (Photo submitted by Steve Bonini.)



Motor Instructor Corporal David Hartung and Traffic Officer John Molica from the El Cerrito, CA Police Department. In 2007, the El Cerrito Police Department received a first place award from the California Law Enforcement Challenge. (Photo submitted by Steve Bonini.)



The City of Miami, FL Police Department Traffic Enforcement Unit. (Photo submitted by William Abraira.)





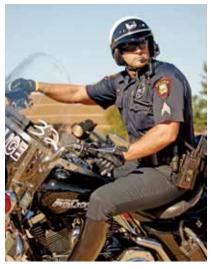
The Burleson, TX Police Department. (Photo submitted by Sgt. Sean Bolton, Burleson.)



A Harley-Davidson $^\circ$ FLHTP Electra Glide $^\circ$ Police motorcycle from the Camden, NJ County Sheriff's Department.



The Waukesha, WI Deputy Sheriff's Association motorcycle unit led a group of motorcycles through the Kettle Moraine Forest at the 20th annual "Make A Wish" fundraiser. (Photo submitted by Sheriff Security Bailiff Michael Novak.)



Sergeant Gaylon Music from the City of Southlake, TX Department of Public Safety, Traffic Division. (Photo by Cindy Robinson, Action Shots Photography.)



The Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Border Patrol (OBP), Buffalo Sector has two 2009 Harley-Davidson® FLHP Police Road King® Law Enforcement Motorcycles. These law enforcement motorcycles are used for recruiting efforts and events, public outreach events, honor guard ceremonies, funerals and other events, as well as for patrols in border community areas with limited vehicle access and a heavy concentration of pedestrians. These motorcycles were in the 2009 President's Inaugural Parade, various Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans and the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, GA. (Photo submitted by FOS Jason Heckler, U.S. Border Patrol.)

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Service Procedures Class

Photos and story by John McEnaney, Service Operations Area Representative, Harley-Davidson Motor Company

n October 6, 2009, John McEnaney conducted a two day "Service Procedures Class" for police technicians from the islands of Palau and Guam. Attendees included two from the Palau department, one from the Guam department, along with several from the Guam Harley-Davidson dealership, who perform service work on many of the Guam Police motorcycles.



The two-day class was jam packed and covered basic service procedures, vehicle inspections and walk-arounds, trouble-shooting tips, ABS system explanations and a MY2009 technical forum. Both big twins and XLs from the Guam Police Department were used, as well as a Guam Harley-Davidson demo motorcycle.







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All participants were enthusiastic and performed well. They will be able to better maintain their vehicles on a daily basis because of the class.

A special thanks goes out to Bill Neilsen, the dealership principle owner, who put together the two-day class and used his influence to convince both Police departments to send their technicians for this training. Thanks also go to Robert Plew, Guam Harley-Davidson dealership's lead technician and shop foreman, who gave great assistance throughout the two days and provided numerous real-world solutions to the visiting technicians.

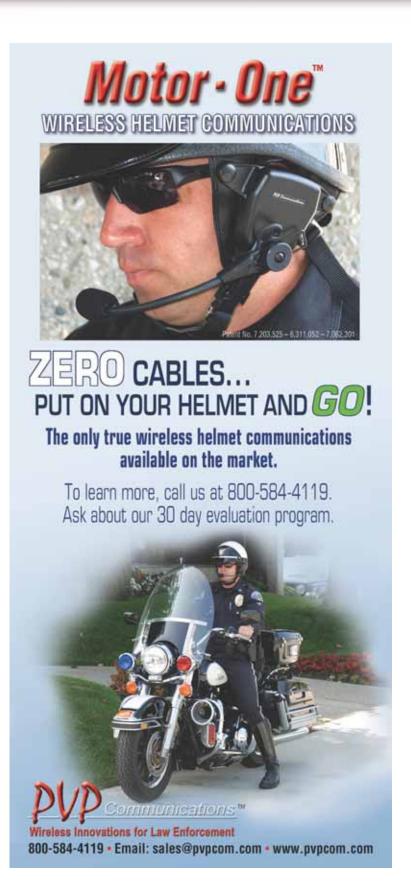
The class was very successful! The Guam Police Department is ordering 20 more police motors, and Saipan has six on order. Bill Neilsen's dealership has provided police motorcycles to the Guam Police Department for evaluation for women motor officers.



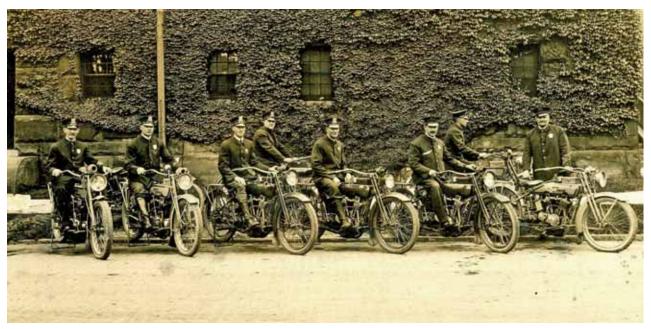
Police ride Harley-Davidson® motorcycles in Brussels, Belgium. (Photo submitted by Rick de Roov.)



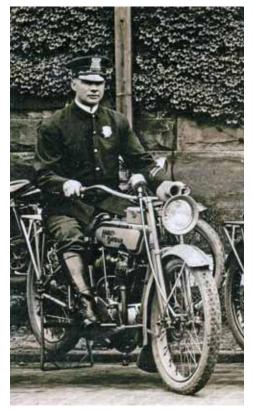
A police officer on his Harley-Davidson® motorcycle in Brussels, Belgium. (Photo submitted by Rick de Rooy.)



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Grand Rapids, MI Police Department motorcycles from 1917. (Photo submitted by Michael Lennon.)



Will Lennon of the Grand Rapids, MI Police Department from 1917. (Photo submitted by Michael Lennon.)



WV Police on a 1924 Harley-Davidson. To see more historical items from the Harley-Davidson® Archives, visit the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, WI or go to www.h-dmuseum.com.



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Corporal Scottie Hammond, 39, of the Baton Rouge, LA Police Department passed away March 25, 2009 after a two year diligent battle with brain cancer. He was an avid competitor on his Harley-Davidson in the motorcycle competitions nationwide, an LSU fan, and he loved NASCAR races. (Photo submitted by Mark Kopang/MK Media.)



Officer John Hege March 22, 2009 Oakland, CA Police Department

Sergeant Mark Dunakin March 21, 2009 Oakland, CA Police Department

n March 21, four Oakland, CA Police Department officers were gunned down in the line of duty; Officer John Hege and Sergeants Daniel Sakai, Mark Dunakin and Ervin Romans. The memorial was held in the Oakland Arena, which was filled to capacity with 18,000 mourners, representing every state and almost every Canadian province. The adjacent Oakland Coliseum accommodated the overflow crowd of 7,000. These officers were fine men. Three were Eagle Scouts, one was the valedictorian of his high school class and two were valedictorians of their police academy classes. Officer Hege and Sergeant Dunakin were on the motor patrol, and Sergeants Sakai and Romans were on the first entry SWAT. The three sergeants were married with children.

Keynote speakers at the memorial included U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; Jerry Brown, the California State Attorney General, a former Oakland mayor and a former Governor; California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; acting OPD Police Chief Jordan; and OPD Captain Tracey.

Persons wishing to contribute to the memorials for the fallen officers should contact the Oakland Police Department for more information.





2009 POLICE OPERATOR/INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Dates & Locations Are Subject to Change

The Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's International Police Motorcycle Academy and Harley-Davidson Motor Company will offer Police Motorcycle Operator and Instructor Academies for the following dates and locations:

DATE	LOCATION	COURSE	TUITION
August 3 – August 21, 2009	Joliet, IL	Instructor	\$1,795.00
August 10 – August 21, 2009	Joliet, IL	Operator	\$1,495.00
September 14 – October 2, 2009	Morrison, CO	Instructor	\$1,795.00
September 21 – October 2, 2009	Morrison, CO	Operator	\$1,495.00
November 2 – November 20, 2009	Portsmouth, VA	Instructor	\$1,795.00
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November 30 – December 18, 2009	Houston, TX	Instructor	\$1,795.00
December 7 – December 18, 2009	Houston, TX	Operator	\$1,495.00

For more information contact: Wendell Kendrick at 414-343-8234 or wendell.kendrick@harley-davidson.com



2009 TECHNICAL TRAINING

Enrollment for Police Technical Training classes is open to all technicians or officers employed by law enforcement agencies using Harley-Davidson® motorcycles. Participants should be experienced mechanics due to the technical nature of the preventative maintenance and diagnostics curriculum offered.

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CLASS #	NAME	DATE	LOCATION
AP09-1	Police A	August 24 – 27, 2009	Phoenix, AZ
DP09-1	Police D*	August 31 – Sept. 3, 2009	Phoenix, AZ
FP09-1	Police F*	September 14 – 17, 2009	Phoenix, AZ
BP09-1	Police B*	September 21 – 24, 2009	Phoenix, AZ
EP09-1	Police E*	September 28 – October 1, 2009	Phoenix, AZ

^{*} denotes classes with prerequisites

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C.O.P.S.' Highest Awards Presented

The highest awards given by Concerns of Police Survivors to individuals and organizations that dedicate countless hours to help C.O.P.S. meet its mission were presented at the 2009 National Police Survivors' Conference in Washington, D.C., on May 14 and 16.

The 2009 C.O.P.S. Distinguished Service Award was awarded to the Missouri Department of Conservation. When C.O.P.S. moved to Missouri in 1993, the thousands of people. This year the Missouri Conservation Agents Association will be putting on its Third Annual Golf Tournament in Missouri with all proceeds going to C.O.P.S. to defray costs associated with the Spouses' Retreat. Agents Dave Harre and Shawn Pennington accepted the award.

The 2009 Todd Ricks Memorial Award for Volunteerism was presented to Montgomery County, MD Police Officer III Greg Knott. Officer Knott has been a long-time

> volunteer for the C.O.P.S. Kids/Teens National Police Week activities, and he shares his time with surviving children Montgomery County. Greg is an exceptional leader. a mentor, a friend and a

go-getter. These attributes all came into play when Greg, who loves skydiving, came up with the idea to have a 20-way jump to call attention to the 20th Anniversary of Concerns of Police Survivors in 2004. This year, Greg planned and carried out a 25-way jump commemorating the C.O.P.S. 25th Anniversary of rebuilding the shattered lives of service to law enforcement survivors and agencies. The 2009 event raised \$25,000 for C.O.P.S.

The 2009 C.O.P.S. Chapter of the Year award was presented to the Southern California Chapter of



Concerns of Police Survivors. This chapter is blessed with several organizations and individuals who work hard to raise money for the chapter. The chapter provides lunch at support meetings, purchases gift baskets for new surviving families, and funds the airfare for any of its



members to attend National C.O.P.S. Hands-On Programs. In addition to its 15% chapter title to national, the chapter has donated an additional \$10,000 to National C.O.P.S.



Missouri Department of Conservation introduced C.O.P.S. to "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" program, and that program works well for survivors. The Missouri Department Conservation became involved with C.O.P.S. Kids' Summer Camp, C.O.P.S. Spouses' Retreat and C.O.P.S. Siblings Retreat and has taught outdoor skills to hundreds of survivors attending our retreats. The Missouri Department Conservation also made it possible for C.O.P.S. to have a top quality video, which has been shown to





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