

MMP MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Comply with Army Regulation 385-10, command policies, and local and state/host nation requirements
- Foster an atmosphere that emphasizes skilled and disciplined riding
- Support unit motorcycle safety efforts
- Encourage participation in local mentoring programs
- Seek leadership positions within mentoring programs

For additional MMP information, contact the
U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center
Driving Directorate at:
(334) 255-3039 (334) 255-2892

Additional motorcycle safety
information is available at the
Motorcycle Safety Foundation website,
<http://www.msf-usa.org>.

Tools and best practices critical to safe
riding and successful MMPs are available at
<https://safety.army.mil/mmp>.



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MMP
MOTORCYCLE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The logo features the letters 'MMP' in a large, bold, white font. To the right of the 'P' is a small, stylized illustration of a motorcycle rider in a yellow and black suit. Below the 'MMP' text, the words 'MOTORCYCLE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM' are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark grey background with a subtle grid pattern.

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The importance of motorcycle mentorship . . .

Motorcycle Mentorship Programs are in place across the Army, but not every command has taken advantage of this concept. Mentorship programs impact our formations by proactively mitigating risk and promoting discipline among Army riders. Training, coaching and mentoring creates a safe unit riding culture.

Increased ridership + reduced deployments = greater exposure to mishaps. MMPs are the operational link between the commander and the rider focused on improving or sustaining motorcycle safety. Experienced riders mentor new riders through their transition as they become safe and disciplined motorcyclists.

MMP is a concept that can be tailored to meet the needs of the command. No single MMP template is applicable in every location, but based on input from Soldiers and leaders, implementing programs using best practices is the most effective approach. The types of MMPs currently operating throughout our Army run the spectrum from command-directed to one-on-one mentoring. Examples of effective unit programs providing individual mentorship and collective mentoring during organized group rides can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center POV website.

Most motorcycle mishaps result from rider indiscipline. Trending indicates that the Progressive Motorcycle Program, which is focused on training, has reduced skills-based mishaps. In response to rider indiscipline beyond required training, MMPs focus on improving behavior, sound decision making and preventing loss of perishable skills.

Riders want the freedom to ride, and the Army wants riders to have the freedom to ride safely. Both can be accomplished through fully trained and disciplined riding, supported by engaged leaders using established mentorship programs. Linking a safe unit riding culture with training, personal protective equipment and mentorship fosters an environment where Soldiers can enjoy a safe, lifelong riding experience while remaining Army Safe and Army Strong!

Historically, motorcycle mishaps kill an average of 42 Soldiers per year.

MMP BACKGROUND:

- More than half of all Army motorcycle fatalities are the result of single-vehicle mishaps involving indiscipline (primarily excessive speed, reckless riding, improper personal protective equipment and alcohol).
- Riders between the ages of 18 and 25 were the Army's "at risk" population in 2005 — that age has since increased to 30.
- The MMP was introduced to curb a sharp rise in motorcycle fatalities and develop an informal way for experienced riders to partner with inexperienced riders.
- A significant increase in MMPs was seen after the Army Vice Chief of Staff issued a memorandum in 2011 focused on the importance of establishing mentorship programs.

MMPs ENHANCE MISHAP REDUCTION EFFORTS BY:

- Acting as a forum for education, awareness and safe riding
- Promoting environments that foster responsible riding
- Educating riders on risk management, with a focus on safe riding
- Conducting mentorship training seminars
- Conducting motorcycle buyer clinics and maintenance seminars
- Hosting group rides and rallies

