

# The Ride Report

A Newsletter for WMSP Instructors



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### Coming Up:

#### Advisory Board

- 3 Dec. - Olympia

#### 2015 WMSP Updates

9am-5 pm

- 7 Oct. - Kirkland
- 17 Oct. - Vancouver

#### 2-Wheel IP

- TBA

#### 3-Wheel IP

- TBA

## Welcome to the Fall Ride Report!

Welcome back! It has been a busy summer with some great riding weather.

As many of you have seen, our QAV program is in full swing. We have been fortunate to get out and work with some great instructors. While we are visiting, we will be "stealing" as many of your best practices as we can and sharing them with the instructor corps. If you see us out there, stop by and say hello!



Don't forget we are always looking for great ideas and suggestions to improve the Ride Report. Send your comments and recommendations to [motorcycle@dol.gov](mailto:motorcycle@dol.gov).

## Why We Do It

Here is a review from a student that attended an over the summer at Motorcycle Training Inc:

*"I've been riding for many years and this class was a very well structured learning experience, but relaxed and fun. The instructors*

*are very knowledgeable about the common do's and do-not's, but they added very informative information about things that are not obvious or basic common sense.*

*That extra information was worth taking the class alone, but there were*

*several other reasons that made it a bargain for the price and a "must do" for anyone BEFORE thinking about riding, operating or owning a motorcycle."*



STUDENTS TRAINED  
THIS YEAR THROUGH  
AUGUST:

**13,031**

### Need Some Additional Resources?

If so check out our instructor resource page on the DOL website!

<http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/motorcycle/instructor-resources.html>

The screenshot shows the Washington State Department of Licensing website. The navigation bar includes Home, Drivers, Vehicles, Professions, and List of Licenses. The main content area is titled 'Motorcycle Training and Testing' and includes links for Training schools, Subsidized funding, Instructors, and Instructor resources. The 'Instructor resources' section is highlighted and contains several sub-sections: Instructor preparation (with links to Pre-Instructor Preparation guide, Range exercise setup, Typical 4 week schedule, Rules of professional conduct, IP Reference Guide 'A' way to do Demos, IP Reference Guide 'A' way to do Reversals, and T-CLOCS Inspection Checklist), Training aids (with links to ERC differences ERC vs ERC, IRT Curriculum Rationale, Solo Instructor Course reference guide, Essential questions and bridges, and Essential questions - critical thinking concepts), Mentor (with link to Mentor Class Schedule Matrix), Additional resources (with links to Helmet resource sheet, Low Speed Electric Vehicle resource sheet, Moped resource sheet, Motorcycle resource sheet, and Passenger car resource sheet), The Ride Report (with link to Summer 2015), Get email updates (with instructions to join the Instructors LISTSERV), and Questions? Need help? (with link to Contact us).

## Program Updates

Help us welcome our newest team member, Robyn Croley. Robyn will be the primary contact for instructor recertification questions, general program inquiries, and much more.

Some of the upcoming events that program will

be participating in this fall are the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) conference, Driver Training conference, and the Statewide Traffic Safety conference.

If you have anything you would like us to address during the 2016 WMSP Instructor updates, please send your ideas and input to the program at: [motorcycle@dol.wa.gov](mailto:motorcycle@dol.wa.gov).

## Instructor Recertification and what it takes!

To recertify, Instructors must meet the following criteria and provide:

- Contact Information: Maintain current/updated contact information with Contractor(s), curricula providers, and WMSP.
- Certifications: Maintain current DOL approved curricula certification. (e.g. Two-wheel and/or Three-wheel).
- Course Instruction: Verifiable (minimum) classes taught per certification period, as required by RCW 46.81a.020.
- WMSP Update: Verifiable attendance of (at least) two different WMSP updates per two year certification cycle.
- First Aid: Maintain current First Aid certification filed with Contractor(s).
- Driver record: Affirmation of having an acceptable driving record.
- Tester Professional Standards: Maintain current signed form with Contractor(s).
- Instructor Professional Standards: Maintain current signed form with Contractor(s).

### The Process to Request Recertification!

Instructors will:

- Complete specific curricula-mandated recertification processes (i.e. the MSF/ESC recertification survey).
- Affirm and document all recertification criteria upon the [Instructor Recertification Form](#).
- Sign and date form.
- Forward signed and dated form to Contractor(s).
- It is important to note, your certification will not be renewed if you do not complete and submit the Instructor Recertification Form.

Contractor(s) will:

- Validate all information and records listed upon the Instructor Recertification Form.
- Sign and date form.
- Forward signed and dated form to WMSP at [motorcycle@dol.wa.gov](mailto:motorcycle@dol.wa.gov).

WMSP will send you a copy of your new certification card once your certification is renewed. If you have any questions about your certification or the process, let us know.

## Trending 2015 Crash Data

Statistic	2014	2015
Motorcycle Determined at Fault	66%	70%
Cruisers	62%	41%
Sport Bikes	22%	39%
Ages 20-29	16%	22%
Ages 30-39	20%	17%
Ages 40-49	17%	11%
Ages 50-59	22%	22%
Ages 60-69	15%	17%

What are the stats telling you? How could you use this information to help your students?

*Fatalities reported through August:*

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- King and Pierce County have the highest number of fatalities.
- Skagit and Lewis counties have a greater number of fatalities relative to the number of registered motorcycles.



*“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”*

*— Benjamin Franklin*

## Training is Everything

After the huge success of our video “A Second Look” we decided to make another one. Just like our previous film it was made using a grant from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission, and was filmed in the Olympia area by Twisted Scholar Inc.

This video focuses on the importance of training and the need for continued training throughout your riding career. The video has a championship hydroplane racer, athletes from the Seattle Slam Rugby team, a helicopter pilot, and some local riders that emphasize why training is everything.



The message is that training will make you successful in any profession. The purpose of the video is to show a direct correlation between training required when riding a motorcycle and the training required for hydroplane racing, flying, and professional athletes in becoming successful. It also compares the physical, technical, and mental skills required to ride

another day. Along with the seven minute video there are two public service announcements that we are hoping to get into state-wide movie theaters, sporting events, and YouTube advertisements. The video will be distributed to all the local training schools and posted to YouTube. As soon as it is released we will provide the link to you so you can check it out. If you have any other thoughts or places the video may be shown to reach a greater audience, please let us know and we will see what we can do.



TODAY'S ESSENTIAL QUESTION

*When riding up to an intersection where the possibility of interaction with other highway users exist, (i) what actions do you take, (ii) how do you prioritize possible hazards, and (iii) does your actions change if you don't see anyone at the intersection?*

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**Choose well  
Ride well**

## ALT of the Day

### Want to Explain Counterweight in the Classroom?

Here is a quick and fun way to show what counterweight is all about! Have your students stand up. Say we are going to do a slow tight turn to the right using the counterweight technique. Have them look to the right, turn their handlebars to the right, and then lift their right leg. Job done! Sit back and watch the light bulbs go off!

## GRADUATION TIME!



**Left to right:** Nicole Hurtubise, Mercedes Paynter, Gary Jones, Bruce Brown, Heather Jones, Bryan Gerken, Miriam Morin, Naomi Mosier.



**Front row:** Christina Neiss, Brandon Authier, Trevor Townsend, Samuel Ramos, Brian Joki.  
**Back row:** Robert Miller, April Storle, Mitchel Grigsby, Mischa Erdmann, Rafael Torres.

Please join us in welcoming the eight graduates of the 2015 WMSP Yakima IP and the ten graduates from the Everett IP into the ranks of the Instructor Corps!

These talented groups spent four intense weekends immersed in the New-Old curriculum, honing their riding skills, and diving into the art and science of brain-based/ALT learning and communication styles.

