

17 SEP 2013

TO: All Motorcyclists and Motorcycle Passengers on Redstone Arsenal (RSA)

FROM: Commander, US Army Garrison – Redstone

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Training and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

POLICY: This policy prescribes motorcycle training and PPE requirements for the safe operation of motorcycles on Redstone Arsenal.

DISCUSSION:

a. Motorcycle Training.

(1) Civilians and contracted laborers are not required to receive service sponsored training nor are they required to provide proof of training for entry to Redstone Arsenal. Service sponsored training is not required for properly licensed/endorsed Department of Defense Civilian operators.

(2) Motorcycle training is mandatory for all Soldiers who desire to ride a motorcycle regardless of riding it on or off Redstone Arsenal. All motorcycle riders (Soldiers) are required to take the Basic Riders Course (BRC) prior to operating a motorcycle. The BRC is a one-time requirement. All motorcycle riders (Soldiers) will be required to complete advanced motorcycle training consisting of either the experienced riders course (ERC) or the military sport bike riders course (MSRC) within 12 months following completion of the BRC. The BRC and ERC are provided on RSA for Soldiers on a monthly or as needed basis (except during winter months). Classes will generally start in March and end in November. The Garrison Safety Office will schedule the times and dates of the training. Classes are provided at no cost to active duty military. Military will not be charged leave to attend training.

(3) Soldiers may take the Civilian equivalents in lieu of the army provided ERC or MSRC, at no expense to the government, within 12 months following completion of the BRC. The Civilian equivalents include the Basic Rider's Course II (BRC-II) synonymous with the ERC and the Advanced Rider's Course (ARC) synonymous with the MSRC. Motorcycle riders (Soldiers) are encouraged to take advanced motorcycle training optimally 60 days after the BRC but must complete training within 12 months.

(4) Licensed motorcyclists (Soldiers) who have not completed a MSF rider course may operate their motorcycle to travel to the MSF course training site. The licensed motorcyclist can enter Redstone Arsenal for the sole purpose of attending

GARRISON POLICY

No. 385-57

motorcycle training and will have documentation in their possession to show the date of the course.

b. Motorcycle Equipment.

(1) When operated on any Department of Defense (DOD) installation in both on or off road environment, all motorcycles, mopeds, and motor scooters will have headlights turned on at all times. The only exception is when prohibited by local laws or military mission requirements.

(2) Motorcyclists will ensure their cycle has both a left-hand and right-hand rear view mirror mounted on the handlebar or fairing. Government-owned off road motorcycles involved in tactical missions or training are exempt from this requirement.

c. Motorcycle PPE.

(1) Personnel operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle will wear PPE; personnel categories include:

- (a) Army military personnel at any time (on or off a DOD installation),
- (b) All Army Civilian personnel in a duty status (on or off a DOD installation),
- (c) All personnel on a DOD-owned motorcycle and,
- (d) All persons at any time on an Army installation.

(2) The following PPE will be worn:

(a) Helmets: Certified to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) Safety Standard No. 218, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Standard 22-05, British Standard 6658 or Snell Standard M2005 IAW DODI 6055.04. Helmets will be properly fastened under the chin. Novelty Helmets are not authorized.

(b) Eye Protection: Designed to meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1, reference (z) for impact and shatter resistance includes goggles, wraparound glasses, or a full-face shield (properly attached to a helmet). A windshield or fairing does not constitute eye protection.

(c) Foot Protection: Sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable leather or ballistic-type cloth athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn).

GARRISON POLICY
No. 385-57

(d) Protective Clothing: A long-sleeve shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for motorcycle use. Motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura® and containing impact-absorbing padding are strongly encouraged.

(e) Riders are encouraged to select PPE that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material.

(f) During off-road operations, personnel will use additional PPE, such as knee and shin guards and padded full-fingered gloves.

d. Access Control point guards will prohibit riders from entering Redstone Arsenal that are not wearing the required safety gear.



WILLIAM L. MARKS, II
COL, LG
Garrison Commander

(IMRE-SO)

MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS: Posted on the Garrison Regulations Web Page and maintained until superseded, rescinded, updated, or cancelled.