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1. References:

- a. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, 24 February 2017.
- b. AFI 91-207, The US Air Force Traffic Safety Program, 26 July 2019.

2. The Army National Guard (ARNG) and the Air National Guard (ANG) experienced a combined total of 19 motorcycle fatalities in FY 2021. As of 19 May 2022, the ARNG has experienced a total of seven motorcycle fatalities (no ANG motorcycle fatalities). With the riding season already underway, I want to emphasize to both NYARNG Soldiers and NYANG Airmen that Army and Airforce standards must be met before and while operating a motorcycle to ensure your safety. Leaders must identify the riders in their formations and ensure they have completed the required training.

3. Compliance with Army and Airforce standards is a key component of any successful safety program. The standard for both are similar for the following requirements:

- a. All members of the NYARNG and NYANG who operate privately owned motorcycles on public highways are required to attend a Motorcycle Safety foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) or a State-approved motorcycle operator safety training course and obtain the proper motorcycle license in accordance with State laws. Sustainment training is also required every five years. Please contact the NYARNG Safety Office or Air Wing Safety officer for details.

- b. Motorcycles must be equipped with headlights and turned on at all times when operating on a DoD installation.

- c. Motorcycles must be equipped with both a left-hand and right-hand rearview mirror mounted on the handlebar or fairing.

- d. Motorcycle riders must wear a helmet that is certified to meet current Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218 (DOT), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Standard 22-05, British Standard 6658, or Snell Standard M2005 or higher. The helmet must be properly fastened under the chin.

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e. Eye protection must be worn and 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.

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

g. Protective clothing must be worn that includes long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material. MC jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials (such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura®) and containing impact-absorbing padding are strongly encouraged. Riders are encouraged to select Personal protective equipment (PPE) that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material.

h. All personal protective equipment requirements applicable to motorcycles remain applicable to mopeds, motor scooters, All-Terrain Vehicles, and three-wheeled variants.

4. Since 2007, the NYARNG has offered motorcycle training courses to its members and is doing so again this year. The course schedule is located at the following link: <http://dmna.ny.gov/safety/?id=cycle>. For NYANG courses, please contact your applicable Air wing safety officer.

5. The point of contact for this memorandum is Alicia Howard at Alicia.I.howard.civ@army.mil or 518-786-6097.



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