

Purpose of Motorcycle Licensing

- The primary purpose of motorcycle operator licensing is to ensure that individuals can demonstrate the minimum knowledge and skill to:
 - Qualify for a motorcycle license or endorsement; and
 - Operate a motorcycle on public roadways.

M Licenses and Crashes

2007	2006	2005
1,896 motorcycle operators in a crash	1,861 motorcycle operators in a crash	1,789 motorcycle operators in a crash
1,582 had a driver's license, 550 with M	1,567 had a driver's license, 689 with M	1,499 had a driver's license, 565 with M
84 involved in fatal, 49 (58.3%) had an M license	76 involved in fatal crash, 43 (56.6%) had an M license	78 involved in fatal, 44 (56.4%) had and M license
1,328 injury crash, 438 (33%) had an M license	1,309 injury crash, 556 (42.5%) had an M license	1,229 injury crash, 454 (36.9%) had an M license

M Permits and Licenses

FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006
8,522 M learner's permits issued	8,670 M learner's permits issued	10,053 M learner's permits issued
2,076 M licenses issued	2,343 M licenses issued	2,853 M licenses issued

Citations

- In 2007, 3,992 citations were issued to motorcycle operators.
 - 371 for M license violations
 - 75 to M permit holders for not having a supervising operator

Encouraging Proper Licensing

- 2002 – MVA cross reference license file with vehicle registration file
- 9,760 individuals with registered motorcycle, but no M license
- Sent letter to encourage licensing
- 1,652 obtained an M license (17%)

Encouraging Proper Licensing

- 2002 Grant for After Hours Testing
- Four MVA Branch Offices administered M licensing skill tests to permit holders between 6:00 and 8:00 PM
- 195 individuals participated with 128 obtaining an M license

Encouraging Proper Licensing

- 2005 NHTSA funded a grant to the University of Maryland National Study Center for Trauma and Emergency Medical System
 - 8,499 motorcycle owners without an M license identified
 - 4,249 received letter and brochure encouraging licensing and rider training
 - 4,250 control group – no contact

Encouraging Proper Licensing

- Study results:
 - 10.4% of Intervention Group obtained an M license
 - 7.9% of the control group obtained an M license
 - The Intervention group preferred to obtain their M license through rider training
 - Control group obtained M license through the MVA or rider training

Encouraging Proper Licensing

- 2005 MVA implemented the Intermediate Basic Rider Course II
 - Experienced operators with M learner's permit
 - 2005 – 916 completed the course – 848 M license waivers issued
 - 2006 – 1,025 completed the course – 978 M license waivers issued
 - 2007 – 931 completed the course – 875 M license waivers issued
 - 2008 – 1000 completed the course – 920 M license waivers issued

Encouraging Proper Licensing

- In 2008, 4,300 letters sent to individuals holding an M learner's permit that was about to expire.
- The letter reminded them to complete the licensing process.
- In 2009, driving records will be checked to see if M license was obtained

Encouraging Proper Licensing

- Fall of 2008, conducted "Fast Track" licensing at motorcycle event
- Individuals able to complete knowledge test and skill test in same day
 - One hour training in classroom
 - Qualified for learner's permit
 - Completed skill test.
 - 15 participated – only one failure
