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HEADQUARTERS, 55TH WING (ACC)
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL OFFUTT AFB PERSONNEL

FROM: 55 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Offutt AFB Motorcycle Safety Policy, OAFB GM 91-01 – Expires 29 Dec 06

1. COMACC issued an updated motorcycle policy on 9 May 05. This policy identified recent trends and highlighted a significant increase in the number and severity of motorcycle mishaps throughout the Air Force and ACC. Considering this increase, we must reemphasize reducing risk to all riders to protect our most valuable resource—people. Motorcycle safety policies on training, mentorship, and counseling were formulated and issued. ACC has merged their motorcycle safety policies into a single document.
2. The motorcycle safety training policy remains unchanged. All squadron commanders will continue to ensure that all military and civilian motorcycle operators assigned to our installation, and those abroad, comply with all DoD and AFI motorcycle training requirements. All military personnel must accomplish DoD-specified motorcycle training before they operate motorcycles on or off base, on or off duty. All DoD civilian personnel must accomplish DoD-specified motorcycle training before they operate motorcycles on base. There is only one exception to this policy: *Licensed operators may be granted a 72-hour temporary registration (prior to completing the DoD-specified training) as long as they are scheduled to attend the Experienced Rider training class within that 72-hour period. The temporary registration is strictly for the purpose of allowing members to get their motorcycles to the training location on the day of training.*
3. I reiterate that the requirement for squadron commanders to personally conduct one-on-one counseling sessions with the motorcycle riders in their unit also remains unchanged. Our best hope to reduce our rate of motorcycle mishaps is to convince our members to obey the law and maintain high standards of conduct and self-discipline while riding motorcycles. As a minimum, this counseling will address standards of conduct, professional behavior, and proper protective equipment requirements. Commanders must also emphasize motorcycle rider self-discipline, responsibility, and personal risk management. Counseling will be accomplished before newly assigned operators are authorized to ride on any military installation.
4. All squadron commanders will continue to assign at least two experienced riders to mentor their novice riders. If there are insufficient numbers of experienced riders in the unit, solicit support from other on-base units to help. We need experienced riders who have been riding safely for years to share their experiences and professionalism with others.
5. Additionally, all personnel that ride motorcycles on base are required to wear the following PPE.
 - a. Helmets – Must be certified to meet Department of Transportation or Snell Memorial standards.
 - b. Glasses and Face Shields – Shatter resistant glasses/sunglasses or a full-face shield attached to the helmet.
 - c. Sturdy footwear – Similar in construction and material to military low quarters must be worn. Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes are strongly encouraged. Soft soled, slip-on or open toed (i.e., sneakers, sandals, shower shoes, flip-flops) shoes are unauthorized and will NOT be worn.
 - d. Shirts and Trousers – Long sleeved shirt or jacket and long trousers.
 - e. Gloves – Full-fingered gloves or mittens.

f. Outer Upper Garment – A brightly colored outer upper garment that covers two-thirds of the upper body during the day and a brightly colored and reflective upper garment during the night. Examples of bright colors are bright red, orange, lime green, yellow, bright blue, white, pink, etc. Dark colors such as black, brown, dark blue, dark green and dark red are NOT authorized. The outer upper garment shall be clearly visible and no portion may be covered (backpack cannot obstruct garment visibility, etc.).

6. This memorandum serves as your Motorcycle Safety Program guidance until an OAFB Supplement to AFI 91-207, *The US Air Force Traffic Safety Program*, is accomplished. For any questions concerning the Offutt Motorcycle Safety Program, please call the 55th Wing Ground Safety Office at 294-6357.

7. Thank you again for your continued leadership and support as we press forward to enhance rider development and protect our people through mishap prevention. Continued and engaged leadership will maintain our focus on motorcycle safety.



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