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COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY LETTER 10-14

From: Commanding General

To: All Commanders, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine

Corps Base, Camp Lejeune and General and Special Staff

Department Heads

Subj: MOTORCYCLE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (MMP)

Ref: (a) MCO 5100.19F

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To provide additional guidance and definitions to reference (a) with regard to the MMP and active duty motorcycle operators.

2. Background. From 2005 to 2007, the accident and fatality rate for active duty motorcycle riders was unacceptability high. In 2008, the U.S. Marine Corps lost an unprecedented 25 Marines in motorcycle accidents. After 2008, the leadership, at all levels, placed a great deal of emphasis on motorcycle training. Through the efforts of many, the accident and fatality rate for motorcycle riders has been reduced significantly. Even with our successes, motorcycle accidents, on and off-road, continue to be a leading cause of injuries and fatalities. Training, leader involvement, enforcement of standards, mentorship, and risk management should not only reduce these injuries and fatalities, but ideally bring them to zero.

3. Information

- a. MMP. All Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune (MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ) commands shall establish a MMP which incorporates a structured club type organization. If a unit has less than three active riders, they may participate in meetings and mentorship rides with another unit, but this does not relieve the unit of the MMP requirement. All active riders, on and off-road, shall be members of the MMP.
- (1) The President of the unit's MMP will be a staff non-commissioned officer or higher and shall report directly to the Executive Officer and attend the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ MMP President's Course. Responsibilities of the MMP President include, but are not limited to:

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- (a) Act as a conduit of information to Marines for motorcycle safety and awareness.
 - (b) Set the standard for responsible riding.
- (c) Mentor Marines in motorcycle licensing, purchasing, riding, and maintenance.
- (d) Monitor and evaluate Marines' skill development and recommend appropriate training. Ensure Marines successfully complete appropriate training.
- (e) Organize and promote activities to enhance motorcycle safety.
- $\qquad \qquad \text{(f) Promote command objectives related to motorcycle} \\ \text{safety.}$
 - (g) Plan and conduct mentorship rides.
- (2) Meetings and Training Rides. The MMP shall conduct a mandatory monthly meeting on the installation for all members. Additionally, a quarterly training ride is highly encouraged. The MMP President shall submit a written record of the meeting or training ride to the Executive Officer and maintain a copy in their turnover binder. This record shall include, but is not limited to: attendees, no-shows, training conducted, riders requiring additional training, and riders whose training has expired or has not been completed.
- (3) <u>Inactive Riders</u>. A rider will be considered inactive and not required to participate in meetings or training rides if their motorcycle is garaged/stored greater than 250 miles from their duty station or weekend liberty limits. Command leadership will determine the participation requirements for those riders whose motorcycle is less than 250 miles from their duty station, but more than a normal daily commute.
- (4) Off-Road Riders. Off-road riders include riders of dirt bikes and All-Terrain Vehicles. Ownership is not a requirement to be considered an off-road rider. All off-road riders are considered "active" riders. Vigilance and awareness are required by the chain of command to identify off-road riders and ensure they attend monthly meetings. Consideration should be given to incorporating off-road topics in the monthly MMP meetings.

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b. <u>Level III Training</u>. Level III training is conducted in the greater Camp Lejeune area on an annual basis. Units are encouraged to have at least two members of the MMP Level III complete.

4. Action

- a. MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Director of Safety (DOS) shall develop and establish a MMP President's Course, to train MMP presidents on their duties and responsibilities. DOS will also assist subordinate commands to ensure they have the necessary administrative and logistical support to comply with this policy.
- b. Subordinate Commanders shall implement this policy at the battalion and squadron level.
- 5. Point of contact is Mr. Ron Farris, MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ Traffic Safety Manager, phone (910)451-2071 or email: ronald.m.farris@usmc.mil.

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