

ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Inter-Office Correspondence/Memorandum

TO: Sheriff Tyler Brown

THRU: Chain of Command

FROM: Sgt Jeremiah Gates

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SUBJ: Motorcycle training course for employees

Dennis Dempsey and Pat Sheil came up with the idea of holding a motorcycle training course for the employees of the County, City of Centennial, Bennett, or any other contract municipalities and/or their family members. Dennis had this same program in place at one of his previous departments that he worked at.

The purpose of this training course is to give the students an understanding of safe and effective motorcycle dynamics by applying them in a slow speed precision course as well as during higher speed motorcycle operations. It is designed to make them safer riders by understanding the capabilities of their motorcycles and their own capabilities. This is done in the hope of possibly preventing accidents and educating the riders.

Most motorcycle riders have never taken a motorcycle safety course and if they have, it is minimal training. This is evident by the unfortunate number of motorcycle crashes that most could have been avoided with some type of advanced training. This course will target defensive and safe motorcycle operations to include emergency braking, obstacle avoidance and motorcycle maneuverability which would raise the rider's confidence and give them an understanding of what a motorcycle can and cannot do.

The classes will be instructed by members of the Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Unit that are Motorcycle Instructors. The classes will be two days long and will be held on a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) and the student will have to provide their own motorcycle and safety gear. They will sign a waiver that releases the County of any liability in the case of damage to their motorcycle or injury to themselves or another person.

The training we will put them through is a modified version of the basic police motorcycle training. There is no fee for the riders at this time because we would be using our own track and cones. The number of classes held each year will be based on the enrollment numbers and the class size will be determined by how many Deputies can assist for the weekend to keep a safe number of instructor to student ratio. At the end of the class, the students would receive a certificate.