



Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Program Annual Report FY 2009



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Mission

The mission of the Motorcycle Operator Safety Training (MOST) program is to provide high quality, low cost motorcycle training to Colorado residents and active duty military personnel. The program focuses on training as the first step a rider can take to riding safer and riding for longer.

Vision

The vision of the MOST program is to ensure that all motorcyclists in Colorado are trained and properly licensed. Providing a learning environment in which students can benefit from the knowledge and skills of highly experienced trainers/riders is key to the success of the MOST program.



Executive Summary

Colorado Statute requires the State of Colorado, Department of Transportation to administer a motorcycle training program to be offered to all Colorado citizens and active duty military personnel. The MOST program sets standards for the certification of rider training curricula in Colorado. MOST contracts with training organizations throughout the State of Colorado for the purpose of delivering training. (See Appendix A for a copy of CRS 43-5-502 to 504.)

The program is governed by the MOST Rules and Regulations which can be found in Rules and Regulations to Establish, Implement and Administer a Motorcycle Operator Safety Training (MOST) Program - 2 CCR 602-3.

While the number of motorcycle registrations in Colorado has increased, the rate of serious crashes and fatalities has accelerated at an even greater pace. The MOST program is committed to reducing the number of motorcycle crashes by encouraging motorcyclists to be trained by a certified professional trainer. CDOT has launched a website called “Live to Ride” which offers both new and experienced riders the opportunity to look at the motorcycling community as a fellowship that believes in rider safety first and foremost.



Fiscal Year 2009 Facts

There were a total of 106 motorcycle deaths in Fiscal Year 2009 (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009). Analysis of data related to these deaths reveals:

- 43% (46) of the fatalities were alcohol related
- In 64% (68) of the fatalities no helmet was worn and another three fatalities involved improper helmets
- Of the 106 fatalities, 87% (92) were drivers and 13% (14) were passengers
- All of the passenger fatalities (14) were females
- 83% (88) of the decedents were male and 17% (18) were female
- 54% (57) of the decedents were between the ages of 40 and 75
- 65% (69) of the fatalities involved motorcycle models that were 750CC or greater



Colorado Motorcycle Fatality Statistics

2008 and 2009 Motorcycle Fatalities by County

County	2008	2009
Adams	4	7
Arapahoe	6	7
Archuleta	1	0
Boulder	4	6
Broomfield	1	1
Custer	1	2
Delta	1	1
Denver	11	3
Douglas	7	3
Eagle	1	0
Elbert	0	1
El Paso	15	11
Fremont	2	1
Garfield	1	2
Grand	0	2
Gunnison	0	2
Jackson	2	0
Jefferson	13	7
La Plata	1	4
Larimer	3	13
Mesa	4	1
Mineral	1	0
Montezuma	2	0
Montrose	2	1
Ouray	1	1
Park	1	0
Powers	0	1
Pueblo	3	2
Rio Blanco	2	0
Rio Grande	2	0
Saguache	1	1
San Miguel	0	1
Summit	1	1
Weld	4	6
Total	98 in 2008	88 in 2009

FY 2009 MOST Program Highlights

In FY 2009:

- 1,050 Motorcycle Operator Safety Training courses were offered in 15 Colorado counties from August 2008 to July 2009
- A record 11,918 riders were trained in the Basic Rider Course (BRC) and Experienced Rider Course (ERC) curricula
- Motorcycle Operator Safety Training courses were offered at 47 locations by 12 state certified training organizations with a combined 150 Rider/Coaches

Training Contractors/Sponsors

The MOST program began in 1991 with three training contractors. Today, the program consists of 12 contractors using 150 rider/coaches at 47 locations to train approximately 10,000 new and experienced riders each year.

The 12 MOST contractors offer training year round; however, peak training times are spring, summer and fall. The state certified training contractors are permitted to charge a competitive fee for their services. Current fees range from \$190.00 to \$250.00 depending on the amount set by the contractor. All MOST certified contractors are subject to the MOST Rules and Regulations as defined in 2 CCR 602-3:

1. Authority and Purpose
2. Definitions
3. Program Sponsor Application Requirements
4. Program Sponsor Certification Requirements
5. Program Instructor Certification Requirements
6. Maintenance of Program Instructor Certification
7. Program Instructor Training
8. Approved Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Courses
9. Motorcycle Requirements
10. Program Range Requirements
11. Quality Assurance
12. Program Funds and Contract Procedures
13. Denial, Suspension and Revocation of Certification
14. Notice and Hearing Requirements

Instructors

The Basic Rider Courses and Experienced Rider Courses are conducted by 150 State of Colorado certified Training Instructors/Riders/Coaches. They have done a remarkable job in providing motorcycle training to the public.

State Of Colorado Certified Training Curricula

The MOST program of Colorado offers two motorcycle training curricula. Both are Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) certified courses.

The goal of the Basic Rider Course (BRC) is to provide an introduction to the fundamentals of safe, responsible motorcycling. This includes the knowledge and skills that lead to licensing and motorcycle operation on Colorado roads and highways. The rider/coaches provide a low risk, positive learning environment. The BRC has approximately 5 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of on-motorcycle instruction which includes 17 on-motorcycle exercises. Evaluation for the BRC consists of a written knowledge test and an end-of-course skill test. This BRC curriculum takes place over approximately 2 ½ days.

The Experienced Rider Course (ERC) provides current motorcyclists with lifelong opportunities for continuing rider education and training. The ERC affords the rider a chance to learn new riding techniques and to correct unsafe riding habits that have developed over years of riding. The course is designed for riders who have successfully completed the BRC or who possess basic operational skills. Students may use a training motorcycle or their own safe, street-ready motorcycle. The ERC is approximately one hour in the classroom and four hours of riding practice.

Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Funding

The MOST program provides tuition reimbursement to students and is funded by a \$2.00 fee collected on motorcycle endorsements and a \$4.00 fee collected on motorcycle registrations.

Colorado statutes mandate that funds not spent during the Fiscal Year are rolled over to the next Fiscal Year operating cycle. The MOST program is set up to distribute funding to CDOT in three areas:

- MOST Administration –maximum of 15% of available funds
- MOST Out of State Travel - \$3,000.00 per FY (Included in MOST Administration)
- MOST Contracts – All other funds go to funding MOST training Contractors

The 15% administrative fee is calculated using the MOST total budget for the Fiscal Year before any carry forward is added to the fund. The administrative costs for the program are outlined in the MOST Rules and Regulations, Section 12, paragraph A, subsection 1:

“The administrative costs directly related to the MOST program, including personal services costs, operating costs, capital equipment costs and travel costs in accordance with applicable state law and fiscal rules, but in no event shall the office expend more than fifteen percent of the total cost of the program for administrative costs.”

FY 2009 MOST Program Budget

MOST Administration	\$105,664.00
New Funding (contracts)	\$598,761.00
Carry Forward from prior years	<u>\$591,379.00</u>
Total	\$1,295,804.00
Less Contracts	(\$806,248.95)
Less Administration	<u>(\$105,652.93)</u>
Balance	\$383,902.12

Appendix A: CRS 43-5-502 to 504

43-5-502. Motorcycle operator safety training program.

- (1)(a)(I) The office shall establish a motorcycle operator safety training program which shall include courses to develop the knowledge, attitudes, habits, and skills necessary for the safe operation of a motorcycle. Such program shall include instruction relating to the effects of alcohol and drugs on the operation of motorcycles, and it shall include a course to train instructors. The office shall set standards for the certification of courses in the program. The office shall contract with vendors for the purpose of providing the program.
- (II) The following individuals may enroll in a certified motorcycle operator safety training course:
 - (A) Any resident of the state who holds a current valid Colorado driver's license, a minor driver's license, or an instruction permit authorized by section 42-2-106, C.R.S.; or
 - (B) Any individual who is a member of the armed forces, who has moved to Colorado on a permanent change of station basis, and who holds a valid driver's license issued by another state.
- (III) The charge for enrollment in the certified motorcycle operator training course shall be the same regardless of whether an individual qualifies for the course pursuant to sub-subparagraph (A) or (B) of subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (a).
- (b) The director may certify any person meeting the applicable standards as an instructor training specialist to assist in establishing motorcycle operator safety training courses throughout the state, in implementing the program, and in training and monitoring instructors.
- (c) The director shall designate a program coordinator to implement and administer the program. In no event shall the office expend more than fifteen percent of the total cost of the program for administrative costs.
- (d) The office shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the program pursuant to article 4 of title 24, C.R.S.
- (2) The office shall begin implementation of this part 5 on November 1, 1990, or when the moneys in the fund are sufficient to pay for the costs of implementing the program, whichever is later. However, operation of courses in the program shall commence no later than July 1, 1991.

Source: L. 94: Entire part added with relocations, p. 2540, § 4, effective January 1, 1995. L. 2000: (1)(a)(II) amended, p. 1360, § 44, effective July 1. L. 2007: (1)(a)(II) amended and (1)(a)(III) added, p. 855, § 1, effective August 3.

Appendix A: Continued

43-5-503. Instructor requirements and training.

- (1) The office shall establish standards for an approved instructor training course. Successful completion of the course shall require the participant to demonstrate knowledge of course material, knowledge of safe motorcycle operating practices, and the necessary aptitude for instructing students.
- (2) Each applicant for an instructor certificate shall be at least twenty-one years of age and hold a valid Colorado driver's license endorsed for motorcycles, which license has not been revoked or suspended within the three years preceding the date on which the application for certification is made.
- (3) No applicant shall be certified as an instructor if, within the three years preceding the date on which the application for certification is made:
 - (a) The applicant was convicted for an offense which is assigned eight or more points in the point system schedule, as specified in section 42-2-127 (5), C.R.S., or its equivalent in another state; or
 - (b) The applicant's driver's license from any other state was revoked or suspended.
- (4) The office shall prescribe the form for an approved instructor certificate and shall provide for verification that a certified instructor is currently active in the program. No instructor shall participate in the program without a current certificate

Source: L. 94: Entire part added with relocations, p. 2540, § 4, effective January 1, 1995.

43-5-504. Motorcycle operator safety training fund.

There is hereby created in the state treasury a motorcycle operator safety training fund which shall consist of moneys collected pursuant to sections 42-2-114 (2) (b) and (4) (b), 42-2-118 (1) (b) (II), and 42-3-304 (4), C.R.S. The moneys in the fund shall be available immediately, without further appropriation, for allocation by the transportation commission to the office of transportation safety to be used for the implementation and administration of the program. Moneys credited to the fund shall remain therein at the end of each fiscal year and shall not be transferred to any other fund.

Source: L. 94: Entire part added with relocations, p. 2541, § 4, effective January 1, 1995. L. 2000: Entire section amended, p. 262, § 5, effective July 1. L. 2005: Entire section amended, p. 1185, § 39, effective August 8.

Appendix B: Motorcycle Registrations By County

Calendar Year 2009

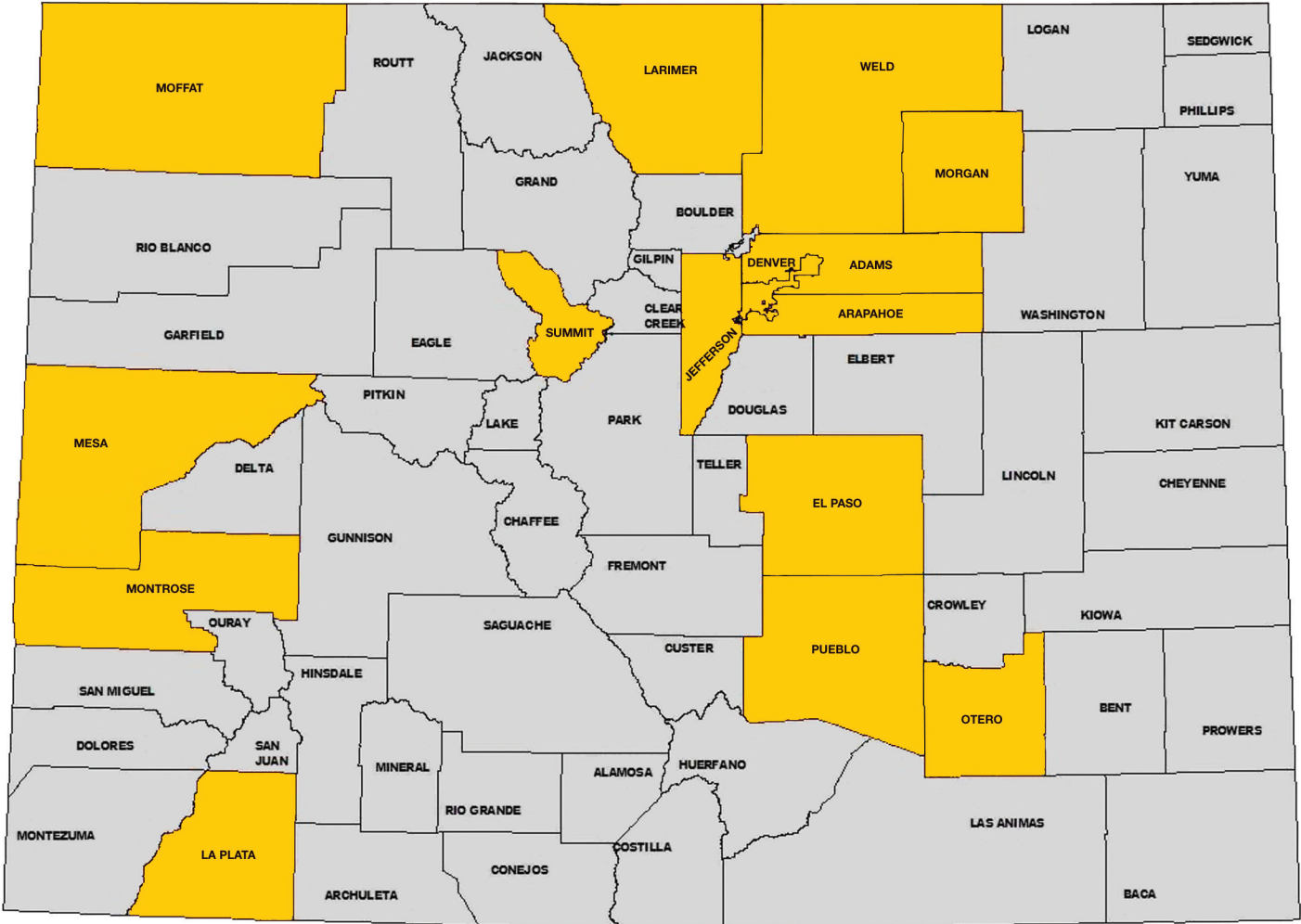
County	MotorcycleRegistrations	Percentage
* Adams	12,992	7.42%
Alamosa	534	.31%
* Arapahoe	14,437	8.25%
Archuleta	642	.36%
Baca	140	.08%
Bent	134	.07%
Boulder	9,974	5.70%
Broomfield	1,811	1.03%
Chaffee	1,083	.62%
Cheyenne	85	.05%
Clear Creek	663	.38%
Conejos	327	.18%
Costilla	161	.09%
Crowley	100	.06%
Custer	290	.17%
Delta	1,273	.73%
* Denver	11,355	6.49%
Dolores	121	.07%
Douglas	9,795	5.60%
Eagle	2,104	1.20%
* El Paso	22,480	12.85%
Elbert	1,269	.73%
Fremont	2,376	1.36%
Garfield	2,435	1.39%
Gilpin	476	.27%
Grand	772	.44%
Gunnison	903	.52%
Hinsdale	75	.04%
Huerfano	264	.15%
Jackson	62	.04%
* Jefferson	21,621	12.36%
Kiowa	36	.02%
Kit Carson	304	.17%
* La Plata	2,759	1.58%
Lake	266	.15%

County	MotorcycleRegistrations	Percentage
* Larimer	12,719	7.27%
Las Animas	648	.37%
Lincoln	189	.11%
Logan	763	.44%
* Mesa	5,734	3.28%
Mineral	61	.03%
* Moffat	602	.34%
Montezuma	988	.56%
* Montrose	1,609	.92%
* Morgan	1,028	.59%
* Otero	716	.41%
Ouray	398	.23%
Park	1,294	.74%
Phillips	234	.13%
Pitkin	1,237	.70%
Prowers	423	.24%
* Pueblo	5,760	3.29%
Rio Blanco	273	.15%
Rio Grande	507	.28%
Routt	1,309	.75%
Saguache	258	.15%
San Juan	71	.04%
San Miguel	595	.34%
Sedgwick	73	.04%
* Summit	1,288	.74%
Teller	1,524	.87%
Washington	226	.13%
* Weld	9,570	5.47%
Yuma	420	.24%
State Issued	279	.16%
Totals	174,915	100.00%

* Counties where training is provided

Appendix B: Continued

The fifteen counties in yellow are where MOST training is provided. These counties collectively include 71% of all Motorcycle registrations in Colorado.



Appendix C: MOST Training Contractors

The following chart represents the twelve MOST training contractors and the number of Basic Rider Course (BRC) and Experienced Rider Course (ERC) students trained.

MOST Contractors	FY '09 Funding	Funds not Spent*	Address			BRC	ERC
ABATE of Colorado (20) <i>www.abateofcolo.org</i>	\$239,000.00	(\$9.04)	4725 Paris Street	Denver, CO	80239	3,606	423
T3RG International (5) <i>www.t3rg.com</i>	\$151,790.00	(\$27,282.16)	4261 Federal Blvd	Denver, CO	80211	1960	23
Motorcycle Training Academy (4) <i>www.motorcycletrainingacademy.com</i>	\$95,000.00	(\$625.00)	1710 Briargate Blvd	CSpgs, CO	80920	2,136	17
Iron Buffalo (3) <i>www.mcsafety.com</i>	\$70,000.00	(\$5,534.13)	PO Box 1470	Idaho Spgs, CO	80452	847	240
Wheels in Motion (4) <i>www.wheelsinmotioninc.com</i>	\$35,000.00	(\$4,577.90)	PO Box 49564	CSpgs, CO	80949	483	16
Motorcycle Rider Training Center (1) <i>www.mrtc-ridered.com</i>	\$35,000.00	(\$6,126.81)	11695 W Auburn Dr	Lakewood,	80228	516	48
SW CO Motorcycle Safety Training (2) <i>www.motorcyclesafetyswco.homestead.com</i>	\$35,000.00	(\$2,963.13)	PO Box 238	Dolores, CO	81323	329	10
Black B.A.G. LLC (1) <i>www.bbmct.com</i>	\$30,000.00	(\$2,015.75)	PO Box 352582	Westminster	80035	415	107
Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Training <i>www.rockymountainmotorcycletraining.com</i>	\$23,000.00	(\$150.52)	PO Box 695	Niwot, CO	80544	305	1
CO NW Rider Training (2) <i>www.mcridersafety.com</i>	\$20,000.00	(\$1,397.40)	1074 E Pabor Av	Grand Jct, CO	81521	200	18
Ricky Orlando Motorcycle School (2) <i>www.rickyorlando.com</i>	\$12,000.00	(\$561.30)	1644 Westin Dr	Erie, CO	80516	175	0
Cronk's PRS (Bad Axe) <i>www.badaxe.vpweb.com</i>	\$4,000.00	(\$1,787.50)	396 E 9th Street	Craig, CO	81625	43	0
TOTALS	\$749,790.00	(\$53,030.64)				11,015	903

*Funds not spent by contractors are returned to MOST and are rolled over to the following FY.

Appendix D: FY 2009 MOST Training Course Fees

This chart details the course fees charged by each contractor for the Basic Rider Course (BRC) and the Experienced Rider Course (ERC)

*MOST Contractor	BRC	ERC
1. ABATE of Colorado	\$225.00	\$100.00
2. Bad Axe Rider Safety	\$250.00	\$100.00
3. Black B.A.G. LLC	\$180.00	\$75.00
4. CO NW Rider Training	\$225.00	\$100.00
5. Iron Buffalo	\$225.00	\$110.00
6. Motorcycle Rider Training Center	\$235.00	\$95.00
7. Motorcycle Training Academy	\$200.00	\$80.00
8. Ricky Orlando Motorcycle School	\$199.00	\$99.00
9. Rocky Mountain Motorcylce Training	\$195.00	\$125.00
10. SW CO Motorcycle Safety Training	\$200.00	\$65.00
11. T3RG International	\$250.00	\$125.00
12. Wheels In Motion	\$200.00	\$80.00

*Fees for out of state students are higher. Please ask your trainer