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Start Seeing Motorcycles

Each year, May is designated, as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and Morris Police Chief Brent Dite would like to take some steps early to remind local citizens about the importance of traffic consciousness when it comes to the safe operation of motorcycles.

Motorcycles have become extremely popular due to their fuel efficiency along with the overall enjoyment riders receive by being involved in clubs and riding events.

Just being aware that riding a motorcycle requires more than a valid operator's license is important. Special learned skills through practice and training are the best way to achieve proficiency as a rider.

With respect to the motorcyclists, it is also important for operators of other motor vehicles to follow the rules of the road to assist in a total traffic safety consciousness that can promote a safe environment for everyone.

More than 90% of riders involved in crashes have no formal training and recent statistics show that motorcycle operators who died in single vehicle crashes had blood alcohol levels of .08 or higher.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimated that helmets are 37% effective in preventing fatal injuries to motorcyclists.

Motorcycle riding is enjoyable and everyone needs to make a conscious decision to be safe and abide by State laws.

