

Police Motorcycle Training Objectives
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	Capabilities of a Police Motorcycle
PM 1	Identify the advantages and disadvantages of deploying a police motorcycle.
PM 2	Identify the limitations of deploying a police motorcycle.
	Factors Contributing to Police Motorcycle Collisions
PM 3	Identify the major causes of police motorcycle collisions.
PM 4	Identify how over confidence and attitude can effect police motorcycle operation.
PM 5	Identify the mechanical limitations of a police motorcycle.
	Collision Avoidance Maneuvers
PM 6	Demonstrate safe operation of a police motorcycle while performing “swerve to avoid” exercises.
PM 7	Demonstrate techniques on a police motorcycle while performing collision avoidance exercises.
PM 8	Identify the importance of visual scanning for potential hazards while operating a police motorcycle.
	Fundamentals of Handling and Riding a Police Motorcycle
PM 9	Identify techniques for safely operating a police motorcycle.
PM 10	Demonstrate the ability to safely operate a police motorcycle on prescribed courses.
PM 11	Demonstrate the ability to safely operate a police motorcycle in city, rural, interstate roadways.
PM 12	Identify concepts of an escort/motorcade to include techniques traditionally used.
PM 13	Demonstrate the ability to safely operate a police motorcycle in off road conditions.
PM 14	Demonstrate the ability to safely traverse uneven surfaces.
PM 15	Demonstrate the ability to properly upright a fallen police motorcycle.
	Emergency and Non-Emergency Police Motorcycle Operation and Handling Techniques
PM 16	Identify the differentiation between an emergency and non-emergency police motorcycle response.
PM 17	Demonstrate the ability to safely operate a police motorcycle in a non-emergency exercise.
PM 18	Demonstrate the ability to safely operate a police motorcycle in a simulated emergency response or pursuit.
PM 19	Identify Maryland laws governing the legal authority of a police motorcycle operating in an emergency response or pursuit.
	Motorcycle Braking Techniques
PM 20	Identify the appropriate braking techniques while operating a police motorcycle.
PM 21	Demonstrate the ability to stop a police motorcycle under “routine” conditions.
PM 22	Demonstrate the ability to stop a police motorcycle under simulated “emergency or pursuit” conditions.
	Impact of Adverse Weather Conditions on Operation and Handling of a Police Motorcycle
PM 23	Identify how weather or roadway conditions effect police motorcycle handling and braking.
PM 24	Demonstrate the ability to operate a police motorcycle under simulated adverse weather or roadway conditions.
	Daylight and Reduced Light Police Motorcycle Operation and Handling
PM 25	Demonstrate the ability to safely operate a police motorcycle during daylight conditions.
PM 26	Demonstrate the ability to safely operate a police motorcycle under low light conditions.
PM 27	Identify the limitations of a police motorcycle’s lighting during daylight and low light conditions.
	Operating and Handling a Police Motorcycle in Confined Areas
PM 28	Demonstrate the ability to safely operate a police motorcycle on specific cone courses.
	Officer Survival Related to Police Motorcycle Traffic Stops and Violator Contact
PM 29	Identify the procedures for safely conducting a traffic stop while operating a police motorcycle.
PM 30	Identify techniques for approaching a violator while operating a police motorcycle.
PM 31	Safely conduct a mock traffic stop while operating a police motorcycle.