MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT
INSPECTIONS
Motorcycle Violations Checklist

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Motorcycle Crash Data

- Nationwide Motorcycle registrations account for 3% of the total number of registered vehicles. Motorcycle fatalities account for 15% of the total number of fatal vehicle crashes.

- In Florida, motorcycle registrations account for 4% of the total number of registered vehicles. Motorcycle fatalities account for 17% of motor vehicle fatalities.

National data based on NHTSA 2010 statistics.
Florida data based on NHTSA 2011 statistics.
Motorcycle Registrations in Florida

An Interaction of Factors Lead to Motorcycle Crashes

Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Crash Chain

Removing just one factor may prevent a crash!

Endorsement Statistics

Nationwide
- 22 percent of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2010 were riding without a valid motorcycle license at the time of the collision
- Only 12 percent of drivers of passenger vehicles in fatal crashes did not have valid licenses.

NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis
Nationwide

- During 2010, 216 young motorcycle riders (15 to 20 years old) were killed, and 5,000 were injured.
- 40 percent were either unlicensed or driving with an invalid license

NHTSA’s National Center for Statistics and Analysis
Traffic Safety Facts 2010 Data, July 2012

Our Goals

- Reduce the number of motorcycle crash injuries and fatalities
- Educate riders
- Promote rider training and endorsement

Our Mission

- To identify riders who are not endorsed and not trained, and take the appropriate enforcement action.
Enforcement Method

- To conduct legal traffic stops utilizing the Motorcycle Violations Checklist as a Guide to establish Reasonable Suspicion for the traffic stops.

Purpose of the Motorcycle Violations Checklist

- Enables law enforcement officers to easily identify motorcycle violations.

39 Listed Violations
Carrying Items that Prevent Both Hands Handlebar

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## Drag Racing

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□ 7. Exhaust system in good working order including muffler & tailpipe | 316.272(1) |
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- Image of motorcycle exhaust system
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12. Headlight required: 316.400(1)
13. Headlight must be on at all times: 316.405(1)
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32. Tag light required white ...................................... 316.410(3)
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34. Three wheeled motorcycle only restriction on DL .... 322.50(1)(6)
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