

Press Release



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ABATE of Florida, Inc. Welcomes May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

Deland, FL, April 29, 2010 – ABATE of Florida, Inc., Florida's largest Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (MRO), is continually trying to educate the motoring public of motorcycles' presence on the thousands of miles making up Florida's roadways. Many of ABATE of Florida's 32 chapters will be conducting additional functions throughout May, stepping up their efforts during Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month; educating the public that motorcycles are on the same roads as other Florida motorists.

The most recent statistics released from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles show that as of 2008, there were 649,210 motorcycle registrations in FL, an increase of 124% since 2000. Luckily, Florida deaths per motorcycles registered have been on the decrease in recent years, but we ask that this fact does not minimize the attentiveness of those we share the road with.

We further ask that drivers of other vehicles please remember that motorcycles have the same rights as cars and trucks. Distracted driving has become a conversational topic across the nation lately, and Florida is no exception. Drivers paying extra attention when they see or hear a motorcycle may save a life.

Please offer motorcycles more following distance when driving nearby them, and never attempt to occupy the same lane of traffic as a motorcycle.

As in many years past, ABATE of Florida, Inc. has asked the Governor of Florida to declare May as the month dedicated to motorcyclists, in a combined effort to have motorcycle safety and awareness recognized nation-wide. Recognizing the seriousness, Governor Crist has signed a Proclamation stating May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month throughout Florida. Many of our chapters have followed suit with their local elected officials; the signed Proclamations are available on ABATE of Florida's website at www.ABATEFlorida.com.

With almost 8,000 members, ABATE of Florida, Inc. is Florida's largest Motorcyclists' Rights Organization, and the fourth largest nationwide. ABATE of Florida members consist of all types of motorcyclists. Our missions include educating the public about motorcycle awareness and continuing to fight in Tallahassee for the rights of every motorcyclist and the public in general. To aid in these ends, we have an exclusive lobbyist and have founded the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program, both with the intentions to help make the roads safer for everyone.

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