

## Students have said..

1. I decided to motorcycle commute in the morning to save gas. A large black Ford duelly work truck abruptly launched out of a gas station to make a left turn across traffic, right in front of me. I was about to slam into his driver side door. So one of the last exercises of the school kicked in. I leaned the bike over, rolled the throttle, and leaned back. I barely even left my own lane. Of course, I narrowly missed his bumper by a foot at the most. There is no doubt in my mind that I would be writing this from a hospital bed, if at all, if not for the school. Thanks guys!

2. I completed the MSF basic riders course in October of 2004. I was riding about 50 mph down a 4-lane highway with a minivan in the left lane and a SUV running close on his bumper. The van began braking for a left hand turn. I started to shift to the right side of my lane. Sure enough, the SUV whipped into my lane instead of braking behind the van. His right front fender just about scraped my boots before I leaned the bike under me and slammed the throttle to get away from him. Because the MSF course had taught me how to swerve to avoid obstacles, I was able to maintain control of the bike in a high-speed maneuver.



## About Our Program



Motorcycling can be a thrilling and challenging experience. The safe operation of a motorcycle requires practiced skill, knowledge, and a respectful understanding of the limitations imposed by the operator, the machine, and the environment.

Believing in the benefits of rider education, the Tennessee Department of Safety administers the Tennessee Motorcycle Rider Education Program.



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# LEARN TO RIDE Safely



# Tennessee Motorcycle Rider Education Program

# TENNESSEE MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAM

## TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Tennessee Motorcycle Rider Education Program offers two intensive courses to prepare you for the challenges that the streets offer. One is for beginners, the other for more experienced riders. This allows students with similar skill levels to learn together.

**THE BASIC RIDER COURSE(BRC)** is an entry level course designed for new riders. It incorporates classroom discussion and hands on practice. It is essential for safe riding. Motorcycles are provided.

**THE EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE (ERC)** is for people who are already riding, but want to learn and practice more advanced skills. Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)-Certified Instructors/Coaches teach courses in a safe, off-street environment. These Instructors/Coaches are highly experienced riders with the patience, understanding and knowledge to help students develop the skills they need to become safe, responsible motorcyclists. Current riders and anyone thinking about riding (ages 14 and up) are encouraged to enroll in a Rider Training Course.

**THE ADVANCED RIDER COURSE (ARC)** is for the experienced rider who wants to increase skill levels in a challenging course.

**THE TRIKE COURSE** is for the three-wheel rider of all experience levels.

## WEST

### CYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM

Southwest TN Community College (Macon Campus)  
Southwest Community College (Union)  
(901)375-4683 [www.cyclesafe.net](http://www.cyclesafe.net)

### WEST TENNESSEE M.R.E.P.

Jackson State Community College  
Dyersburg State Community College  
(731)422-3030 [www.ridercourse.tn.org](http://www.ridercourse.tn.org)

Abernathy Harley Davidson Union City  
(781)885-2054 [www.abernathyonline.com](http://www.abernathyonline.com)

Bumpus Harley Davidson, Memphis  
(901)312-4866 [www.bumpusharleydavidson.com](http://www.bumpusharleydavidson.com)

Bumpus Harley Davidson, Jackson  
(731)616-0438

## MIDDLE MID-TENN RIDER EDUCATION

Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy  
Stone Memorial High School (Crossville)  
Tennessee Tech (Cookeville)  
E. A. Cox Middle School (Columbia)  
Smyrna Rehab Center  
Central Middle School (Murfreesboro)  
Spring Hill High School  
Blackman High School, Murfreesboro  
(931)503-1177 [www.midtenmotorcycle.com](http://www.midtenmotorcycle.com)

## MONTGOMERY RIDER EDUCATION

Austin Peay University (Clarksville)  
Motlow Community College (Lynchburg)  
Fort Campbell, KY 191st Airborne  
Tennessee Tech Center @ Paris  
(931)648-2208 [www.mrepinc.com](http://www.mrepinc.com)

## LEARNTORIDE.ORG

Nashville State Tech Community College  
(615)847-1515 or (615)545-111 [www.learntoride.org](http://www.learntoride.org)

## VOL STATE RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Volunteer State Community College (Gallatin)  
(615)851-4435 [www.CastlePowersport.com](http://www.CastlePowersport.com)

## VOLUNTEER MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

Nashville Super Speedway (Lebanon)  
(615)414-3312 [www.learntoridetn.com](http://www.learntoridetn.com)

Bumpus Harley Davidson, Murfreesboro  
(615)849-8025

Boswell's Harley Davidson, Nashville  
(615)242-6067 [www.boswellsharleydavidson.com](http://www.boswellsharleydavidson.com)

## EAST

### APPALACHIAN RIDER EDUCATION, INC.

Sullivan South High School, Kingsport  
(423)878-4969

### CLEVELAND RIDER EDUCATION

Chattanooga State Community College  
(423)559-3378

## KNOXVILLE RIDER EDUCATION

Walter State Community College  
Karns High School (Knoxville)  
Pellissippi State Tech Community College  
McMinn County High School (Athens)  
(865)687-2986 [www.krep-tn.com](http://www.krep-tn.com)

Smokey Mountain Harley Davidson  
(865)977-1669

## SAFETY GEAR REQUIREMENTS

To participate in either class, every TMREP Site Requires every rider to be prepared; specifically you must have the following safety gear:

**Helmet-** D.O.T. Approved (Furnished by request)

**Eye Protection** (Face Shield or Safety Glasses)

**Over-** The **Ankle leather footwear** with low heels

**Long Pants** (Denim or material with equal durability)

**Long- Sleeve Shirt or Jacket**

**Full-Fingered Gloves** (Preferably Leather)

## COURSES PROVIDE:

Certified Instructors/Coaches

Student Workbook

Tn. Motorcycle Handbook

Training Motorcycles (125cc-250cc

Street Legal)

Helmets; If needed

Since classes are held in all weather conditions (except icing), you are advised to bring the following:

**Wet weather gear; rain jackets, rain pants, etc...**

**Cold weather gear; warm jackets, sweaters, etc...**

**Water or other beverages**

**Lunch/snacks as necessary**