

INTRODUCTION

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Motorcycle Manual is a supplement to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Driver's Manual. Motorcycle riders are urged to read and understand both manuals in an effort to help keep Massachusetts roads safe.

The Massachusetts RMV is confident that improved licensing, quality motorcycle rider education, increased public awareness, and observance of motor vehicle laws, rules, and regulations can help to reduce the potential for motorcycle related injuries in the Commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Manual has been prepared in cooperation with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. This supplement details for motorcycle riders at all levels how to safely ride a motorcycle.

This manual is published by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. While it contains a great deal of information about RMV policies and state laws, it is important to note that this is not a legal document. Every effort is made to present the most accurate, error free, and up-to-date information. However, RMV policies and fees are subject to change from time to time, as are laws governing motor vehicles and their drivers.

MISSION STATEMENT

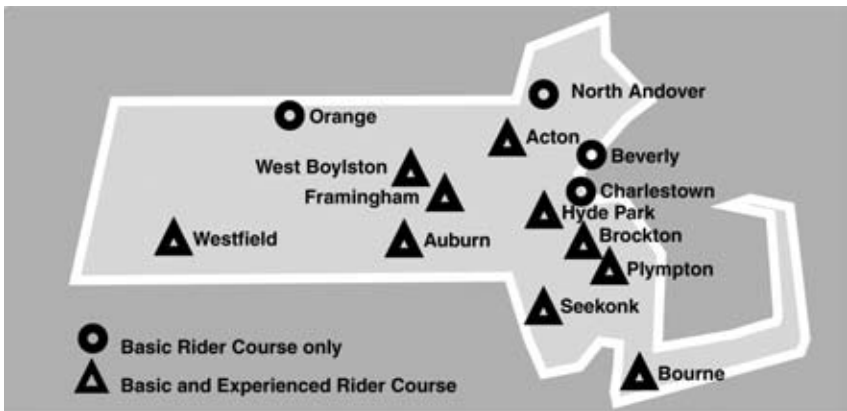
The Massachusetts RMV will develop and support policies and procedures that enhance the safety of our customers by licensing only qualified individuals, registering and titling vehicles appropriately, and inspecting vehicles and buses to keep drivers and passengers safe.

MASSACHUSETTS RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Massachusetts RMV, the Massachusetts Rider Education Program (“MREP”) provides quality rider education and training to both novice and experienced motorcycle riders. The MREP is designed to assist riders of all levels and to promote the safe operation of motorcycles. Riders of all abilities are encouraged to attend and benefit from the professional instruction and on-cycle training offered through the MREP.

In the basic rider course, students will learn motorcycling skills through classroom instruction and on-cycle training. In the experienced rider course, students will learn advanced riding techniques and defensive riding strategies. This curriculum has been developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (“MSF”) and is based on years of research.

The basic rider course is approximately fifteen (15) hours, with five (5) hours of classroom instruction and ten (10) hours of on-cycle instruction. The classroom instruction will cover motorcycling basics such as control, preparation, turning and braking, street awareness, special riding situations, and the dangers of riding impaired. The on-cycle instruction will incorporate and apply the lessons learned in the classroom instruction. Students must attend all classroom and on-cycle sessions and pass both a multiple-choice examination and riding skills evaluation to graduate the program.



The experienced rider course is approximately seven (7) hours, integrating on-cycle range instruction with discussion topics covering motorcycle preparation, advanced street riding strategies, traction management, and advanced braking and cornering techniques. Students must attend all sessions and pass both a multiple-choice examination and a riding skills evaluation to graduate from the program.

The MREP is currently being offered at fourteen (14) separate locations throughout the Commonwealth. Please direct all questions regarding the administration of the MREP to the Registry of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 55889, Boston, MA 02205-5889 or call 413-781-0633. Site availability is subject to change without notice. If you would like a brochure, call RMV/MREP Boston at 617-351-9585.

Qualified graduates of either the Basic Rider CourseSM or the Experienced Rider CourseSM are exempt from the MA RMV's motorcycle road test and may be entitled to a limited ten percent discount on their Massachusetts-based motorcycle insurances.

The Massachusetts Rider Education Program, Classroom Availability, Fees, and General Information may be found at www.mass.gov/rmv.

