

Motorcycle Safety Education Commission Meeting

**Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
First Floor Conference Room
State Office Building Annex
125 Holmes Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

**June 6, 2011
10:00am-12:00pm**

Commission members present: Steve Hanlon (Chair), Larry Cox, Tim Cody, Mike Scrivner and Major Lynn Cross. David Wiseman and Jay Huber were not present.

Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Staff present: Donna Jones – Grants Management Branch. Tanya Dickinson was not present.

Guests Present: Mr. Dale Condra of Man-O-War Harley-Davidson Motorcycle, Dr. Terry Kline and Mr. Daniel Phillips

• Greetings and Introductions

The June 6, 2011, meeting of the Kentucky Motorcycle Safety Education Commission (KMSEC) was called to order by Chairman Steve Hanlon. An agenda and supporting material were distributed for review and discussion.

• Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes for both the March 14, 2011 and April 11, 2011, KMSEC were distributed. A motion was made by Mr. Larry Cox to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Major Lynn Cross and all were in favor.

• General Updates

Chairman Hanlon opened today's meeting with a statement that no sub-committees were currently formed but there were some general updates. The discussion began with the status of the mailing list for the post cards. Ms. Donna Jones informed the commission of the recent e-mail notification to Ms. Tanya Dickinson from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that this request is currently in the queue and once it's received, the Department of Corrections will print/mail the postcards. Estimated time of completion may be the end of June. Concerns regarding the timing of completion of printing and mailing of the postcards were expressed by multiple commission members. Mr. Scrivner requested the contact name at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet so that he could personally look into the status of the postcards.

At this time, the commission once again discussed limiting the number of years a person can hold a motorcycle permit. General consensus indicated that the number of permit holders is too high and something needs to be done to restrict the number of years on a permit. Permit holder

data showing the exact numbers was not available at today's meeting but Chairman Hanlon stated that he would disseminate the data received by Major Cross from earlier to all commission members.

Dr. Terry Kline commented that the youth cannot get a motorcycle permit until they receive their regular license and requested the commission keep this information in mind if they plan on presenting changes to legislation on this issue. It was also stated that the completion card is limited to one year after the student completes the course. It was believed that the Administrative Office of the Courts had set the original time limit on the completion card, but the commission members were not sure of this. It was agreed to find out how other states have or are currently addressing this same issue. Additionally, the commission would need to look at how the graduated licensing in Kentucky would potentially affect the Kentucky Motorcycle Program prior to any changes. Possible suggestions to address these issues include raising the age for free training up to possibly 21 years of age, issuing a permit to allow the BRC before 18 years of age and add an addendum to include the clause to at least get their permit. Overall, the commission knows that changes need to be made and are aware that they cannot discourage youth to get the proper training. Due to time constraints in having all the data collected and a draft of changes to the language, a sub-committee was formed to include Major Cross, Tim Cody and Jay Huber however with Jay not present in today's meeting, Chairman Hanlon agreed to e-mail Jay to request his involvement.

Chairman Hanlon then introduced Mr. Dale Condra to speak specifically about creating motorcycle training program in Lexington. Currently Man-O-War Harley Davidson sells approximately 600-700 motorcycles per year. Unique to their organization they have a "Jump Start" program where potential riders would participate in a demo environment prior to purchasing a motorcycle. It has been received quite well and they have received numerous requests to have a motorcycle program in Lexington. As of now Man-O-War Harley Davidson refers those individuals to either Georgetown or Richmond sites for motorcycle training. They believe if they were able to establish a training site at Rupp Arena, it would draw more individuals to the Kentucky Motorcycle Program, raise community awareness and promote the KMP program. Harley Davidson will be coming out with a cycle titled "Blast" suitable for training in 2014, so in the interim they would be using motorcycles from the KMP program for training. Additionally Rupp has storage facilities for this program and will permit Man-O-War Harley Davidson training opportunities during the winter where other programs close due to weather conditions. Furthermore, Mr. Condra stated that because of Harley-Davidson marketing capabilities, he would be more than happy to help market and promote the Kentucky Motorcycle Program.

Motion by Larry Cox to approve the establishment of the Lexington site hosted by Man-O-War Harley Davidson; subject to review by the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and was seconded by Major Cross and all were in favor. If adjustments are necessary, KMSEC can call a special meeting to address any concerns.

- **Future Meeting Dates**

Subcommittee to meet last week of June contingent on Jay Huber's schedule

Sept. 12, 2011

Dec. 12, 2011

- **New Business - Bylaws**

Ms. Donna Jones reminded the commission that at the meeting in March, the topic of creating by-laws governing the Motorcycle Safety Education Commission was scheduled for the June meeting. Copies of examples of by-laws were once again distributed to the members. General consensus clearly indicated that the commission does in fact need to establish by-laws that clearly define the purpose of the commission, along with the governing rules outlining how often the commission would meet, how meetings would be conducted, the terms of board members, and when elections would occur just to name a few. Members agreed that elections should take place at the regularly scheduled June meeting dates on the even numbered years when the legislation is in their short session. And those elected would officially begin their term on July 1st when the fiscal year begins. Commission members indicated their preference of a model by-law was the example from Indiana as the format was simple, clear and concise. Discussion included the fact that much of the language could be taken directly from the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Mr. Larry Cox suggested that the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety staff fill in the blanks on the Indiana example, citing the KRS and have it ready for review and possible adoption at the September meeting.

A motion was made by Mike Scrivner citing the use of the Indiana example using KRS language to fill in the blanks for the creation of the Kentucky Motorcycle Safety Education Commission by-laws and to be completed by Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet staff. Larry Cox seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- **Adjourn**

Mr. Cox made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Major Cross and all were in favor.