BICYCLE REQUIREMENTS

On-Post Bicycle Rules and Safety Requirements for MacDill

Individuals riding a bicycle on roadways are granted all the rights and responsibilities subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

- Keep to the extreme right side of the roadway.
- Carry no more passengers than there are seats available.
- Wear a helmet.
- Have a headlight
  - Which must be on during the hours of darkness (between dusk and dawn) that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet from the front.
- Have a tail light reflector
  - If operating during the hours of darkness (between dusk and dawn) have a red reflector.
- Wear a reflective vest or belt.

For more information, please contact the 6th Mobility Wing Safety Office at 828-3383.

Helpful web links: www.nhtsa.dot.gov or www.msf-usa.org

MOTORCYCLE REQUIREMENTS

On-Post Motorcycle Rules and Safety Requirements for MacDill

- Individual must be properly licensed to operate a motorcycle.
- Headlights must be turned on at all times.
- Helmets: Certified to meet Department of Transportation (DOT), Snell, or American National Standards Institute (ANSI) regulations and be properly fastened under the chin.
- Goggles and Face Shields: Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to helmet. A windshield or eyeglasses alone are not proper eye protection.
- Sturdy Footwear is mandatory: Leather boots or over the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.
- Clothing: Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.
- Garment Visibility: A reflective upper garment will be worn during the day and night – a reflective belt does not meet the requirement as a reflective garment. Outer upper garment shall be clearly visible and not covered from front to back, i.e. backpack. Backpacks must be reflective or have reflective material attached to them in addition to the wear of the reflective upper garment.

Examples on next page

MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSES

Basic Riders Course / Experienced Riders Course offered FREE; contact Base Safety Office at 828-3385

Occasionally SOCOM offers the Basic Riders Course. The point of contact is Mr. Mike J. Russell with SOCOM safety; phone 826-2403; email russellm@socom.mil.

This course meets DoD and service mandatory safety course requirements and is required to receive a motorcycle endorsement on your Florida driver’s license. A Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course card will be issued upon successful completion.

The Basic Riders Course is designed for beginning riders who have just purchased a motorcycle or who are seriously thinking about purchasing a motorcycle. You will learn critical basic and defensive riding skills.

Motorcycles and helmets will be provided for this course. Students will have to provide their own full fingered gloves and eye protection.

This course (provided by SOCOM) is available to Active Duty Military, Guard or Reserve and DoD Civilians. It is available on a space availability basis only to dependants and retirees.

This course is provided at no cost to Military and DoD Civilians (there is a nominal cost for dependants and retirees to cover cost of expendable items such as course materials).

Military and DoD participants are not required to take leave but must have their supervisor’s approval.
These are only **EXAMPLES** of Personal Protective Equipment, see attached excerpt from AFI 91-207 AMC SUP 1 for verbiage.

| Examples of bright colors & reflective vests – Operator and passenger may wear a riding jacket or suit that is bright colored during the day and reflective at night. If a rider is also wearing a back pack – it must have bright reflective material as well – such as a reflective belt around back pack only. Reflective belts alone on the riders does not meet the requirement for daytime use. No military uniform alone is considered brightly colored. |
| Examples of “over the ankle sturdy footwear” |
| Examples of DOT-approved helmets – which can be ¾, ¾, and Full-Face helmet. Snell also meets DOT requirements. |
| Examples of Impact/shatter-resistant glasses & goggles or face-shield. Windshield or eye glasses alone do not meet this requirement. |
| Examples of Full-Fingered Gloves |
| **Long Sleeve Shirt or Jacket & Long Pants** Riding leathers or similar protective gear with contrasting panels are considered sufficient outer upper garment for daytime use. May also have sewn in reflectivity to meet night time use requirement. |

**Governing Regulations**

AFI 91-207 AMC SUP 1, AFI 91-207, and DoDI 6055.4

**UPDATED: 5 MAY 2009 BY WING SAFETY**
MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNITS ON MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE

FROM: 6 AMW/CC

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Policy for MacDill Air Force Base (AFB)

1. In the last 40 days motorcycle accidents killed three military members. To help reduce personnel losses, we will ensure all MacDill AFB military members and Department of Defense (DoD) employee motorcycle riders are complying with DODI 6055.4, AFI 91-207, AMC Supplements, and Florida state law. As a review, all military members must complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Basic Rider Course (BRC) or Experienced Rider Course (ERC) before riding any motorcycle. DoD civilian employees must complete the BRC or ERC before riding on any DoD installation, or utilizing a motorcycle as transportation while performing official duties off base. Florida state law requires riders to take the BRC prior to receiving a motorcycle endorsement on their license and mandates a $1000 fine, up to 60 days in jail, as well as a license suspension for those who fail to abide.

2. Effective immediately, 6th Security Forces personnel will conduct random checks of motorcycle rider documentation at all MacDill AFB gates, and all military members and DoD employees who are motorcycle riders must carry their MSF cards with them when they operate a motorcycle. Beginning on 15 July 2009, the 6 SFS will require random motorcycle riders entering the base to present their ID as well as their MSF card and will give warnings to those not in compliance. After 31 July 2009, military members and DoD employees without their MSF card will not be permitted to ride motorcycles onto the installation.

3. Sport bike riders assigned to 6 AMW will comply with AMC Supplement to AFI 91-207. All 6 AMW military members who are sport bike riders are prohibited from riding their sport bike until they complete the AMC or MSF Sport bike training course. After 31 July 2009, all AMC assigned DoD employees currently assigned to MacDill AFB will not ride their sport bike on MacDill AFB until completing a sport bike course. All newly hired AMC assigned DoD employees have 30 days from purchase of the sportbike or assignment to MacDill AFB to complete the sportbike course. After 31 July 2009, any sport bike riders assigned to the 6 AMW who are stopped at the gate without documentation of the sport bike course completion will be instructed to park their motorcycle at the gate and the incident will be referred to their commander.

4. The 6 AMW Safety Office will offer courses to train all motorcycle riders to the appropriate level. To enroll in the BRC, ERC, or Sport Bike Course, please contact your unit Motorcycle Safety Representative for the earliest available class. Contact the 6 AMW Safety Office at (813) 828-3386 if you have any questions.

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Commander

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