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Motorcycle Education Program Annual Report 2025 Fiscal Year

Introduction

The Motorcycle Rider Education Program ("Program") was established in 1992 to help new riders learn the needed skills to be safe on the roadways, as well as veteran riders to hone and improve their skills. The program is paid for in part by a portion of all motorcycle license and registration fees to help subsidize the costs of providing the classes KRS 175.5065.

Pursuant to KRS 176.5061 the Transportation Cabinet ("Cabinet") shall establish a motorcycle safety education program. The program shall provide instructor training courses, instructor approval, and rider training courses for novice riders that shall be held at locations throughout the state. The program may provide for the following: rider training courses for experienced riders; activities to increase the awareness of a motorcyclist's knowledge of the effects of alcohol and drug use; driver improvement efforts; licensing improvement efforts; program promotion activities; enhancement of the public's awareness of motorcycles; and enhancement of motorcycle safety through education.

The Motorcycle Safety Education Commission ("Commission") is established as an independent body to help foster the growth and development of the Program established under KRS 176.505 – 506, KRS 176-5067 -5068 and 601 KAR 14:050 detail the powers and duties of the Program, Cabinet and Commission.

Program Overview

This year the program saw its greatest number of students in the history of the program with 4,906 students being impacted by the program. The program could have been able to reach even more students but was constrained by budgetary limits. Some sites had to reschedule classes into the next fiscal year or conduct classes without a reimbursement in some cases.

Currently the program is capped at \$1,000,000 per year and under the current reimbursement schedule it will not allow for any further expansion of the program. The Program Fund is solvent and can support additional students. The fund is supported by existing fees on motorcycle licenses and registrations. As more people look to motorcycles with rising gas prices the fund will grow along with the need to train more riders.

Finances to the program are currently being helped with a pair of NHTSA grants which help to fund the training of instructors, quality assurance program and the marketing of the program. This helps to free more program funds for student reimbursements.

The marketing program helps drive students to the program. After review of crash statistics within the state we have identified a need to reach more already licensed riders. Just under half of the crashes in 2024 were licensed riders who simply ran off the road in a single vehicle crash. This speaks to a lack of cornering and braking skills within the overall motorcycle population. Paired with an effort to have more instructors trained in the experienced rider courses, the goal is to offer more options for existing riders to improve their riding abilities.

Site Providers

The program currently has contracts with ten (10) site providers and 11 sites to deliver instruction to students. The Elizabethtown Community College location is now operational and has begun offering classes once again. We are continuing to look for new locations to host classes, especially in the western portion of the state.

Balance Dynamics – Walton, KY

Man-O-War HD – Lexington, KY

Wildcat HD – London, KY

Sync Training – Hindman, KY and Ashland, KY

Bluegrass HD – Louisville, KY

Derby City Training – Louisville, KY

KY Driving School – Louisville, KY

Bowling Green HD – Bowling Green, KY

Four Rivers HD – Paducah, KY

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College – Elizabethtown, KY

Program Statistics

Revenues Collected by KYTC	
	Dollars Collected per Issuance
Motorcycle Instructional Permit	\$4.00
Motorcycle Endorsement	\$5.00 / \$10.00*
Motorcycle Annual Registration	\$4.00

* In 2019 there was an increase to \$10 (phased in) due to the new REAL ID licensing system being valid for 8 years instead of 4 years. See KRS 186.531 for fee schedule.

Revenue and Expenditures

Total Expenditures		Total Income	
Student Reimbursements	\$922,030.00	License Fees	\$838,513.94
Administrative Expense	\$13,378.40	Interest Income	\$128,943.38
Total Expenditures	\$935,408.40	Gross Income	\$967,457.32
		Net Income	\$32,048.92

Tuitions are paid by the students and go to the training providers to help cover the costs of instructors, books, materials and other consumables. Tuition is capped at \$150 per class but training providers may charge less depending on the type of course being offered and promotions they may offer.

The program has a cash balance carry forward of **\$2,440,454.19** into FY 2026. There was a net cash gain in the fund from FY 25 of **\$32,048.92**.

NHTSA 402 Grant Expenditures	Training	\$29,000.00
	Quality Assurance	\$27,650.00
	Marketing	\$14,852.99
	Sum of Expenditures:	\$71,052.99

Instructor Information

Current Instructors	100
Previous Year Instructors	91
Current Applicants	29
Approved Applicants	18

During FY25 we were able to conduct 2 Rider Coach Prep (RCP) classes to train new instructors in the program. 24 Candidates entered the RCPs with 18 approved and added to the instructor team. For existing instructors, a 3-Wheel Basic Rider Course (3WBRC) certification was held where 9 instructors signed up and 9 were able to complete it successfully. Additionally, we added 10 more instructors with an Advanced Rider Course (ARC) certification.

CY26 has planned to hold 2 RCP courses, and a couple of Advanced Rider Course (ARC) certification courses.

Fiscal Data for Previous Years					
Fiscal Year	Expenditures	Total Students*	# Sites	\$ per Student	
FY 2005	\$ 440,000.00	3561	15	\$	123.56
FY 2006	\$ 500,000.00	3555	15	\$	140.65
FY 2007	\$ 562,725.00	3725	15	\$	151.07
FY 2008	\$ 624,837.00	3701	15	\$	168.83
FY 2009	\$ 730,168.00	4001	15	\$	182.50
FY 2010	\$ 813,432.00	2880	16	\$	282.44
FY 2011	\$ 690,493.00	3138	16	\$	220.04
FY 2012	\$ 826,763.00	2920	18	\$	283.14
FY 2013	\$ 715,012.00	2998	18	\$	238.50
FY 2014	\$ 741,054.00	2221	18	\$	333.66
FY 2015	\$ 731,392.36	2791	18	\$	262.05
FY 2016	\$ 765,193.57	1929	15	\$	396.68
FY2017	\$ 644,317.00	2294	15	\$	280.87
FY 2018 (July to Dec 2017) EKU	\$ 518,157.61	1272	15	\$	407.36
FY 2019	\$ 643,857.38	2603	8	\$	247.35
FY2020**	\$ 423,952.96	1872	8	\$	226.47
FY2021	\$ 665,378.62	3926	9	\$	169.48
FY2022	\$ 801,752.75	3566	10	\$	224.83
FY2023	\$ 828,413.25	4091	10	\$	202.50
FY2024***	\$ 752,765.25	4776	10	\$	157.61
FY2025	\$ 935,408.40	4906	11	\$	190.67

* Does not include those trained on military bases

** Numbers were affected by the COVID-19 shut down

*** Clerical issue causing some expenditures to show in FY25

Course	Number of Classes	Students Registered	Pass	Fail	Incomplete	No Show	Minor	Retake
BRC	385	4065	3295	119	344	266	110	8
BRC2	82	578	549	0	6	23	8	0
TCARC	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
ARC	4	36	29	0	4	3	0	0
3WBRC	28	180	162	0	11	6	0	1
DBS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RCP	2	24	18	2	1	3		
3WBRC - Coach	1	9	9	0	0	0		
MSF - ARC -Coach	1	10	9	0	0	1		
MSF - QA	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TC -ARC - Coach	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Totals	504	4906	4075	121	366	302	118	9

<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Students Registered</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Fail</i>	<i>Incomplete</i>	<i>No Show</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>Retake</i>
Balance Dynamics	96	1042	921	11	68	42	23	0
Bluegrass HD	87	1022	783	27	109	103	22	0
Bowling Green HD	55	670	525	10	75	59	21	0
Derby City / Kentuckiana	10	111	103	0	8	0	1	0
Elizabethtown	3	20	14	0	1	5	1	0
Four Rivers HD	26	275	204	9	27	27	10	0
KY Driving School	17	100	75	6	6	13	1	0
Man-O-War HD	45	430	317	44	17	27	10	1
Sync Training - Ashland	8	67	65	0	2	0	2	0
Sync Training - Knott Co.	70	433	430	0	3	0	7	0
Wildcat HD	83	693	602	12	49	22	20	8
Coach Training	4	43	36	2	1			
Total	504	4906	4075	121	366	298	118	9

FY 25 Program Stats	
Avg. Number of Students / Class:	<u>9.73</u>
Success Rate:	<u>83.06%</u>
Incompletion Rate:	<u>7.46%</u>
Fail Rate:	<u>2.47%</u>
No Show Rate:	<u>6.07%</u>
Percentage of Minors:	<u>2.41%</u>
Retake Rate:	<u>0.18%</u>