

**Arizona Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (AMSAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2014**

A public meeting of the Arizona Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (AMSAC) was convened on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 3030 N. Central Avenue, Suite1550, Phoenix, Arizona, 85012, in the GOHS Conference Room.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Chairman, at 10:40 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Chairman
Mr. Kevin Kinsall, Vice Chairman
Mr. Dick Studdard, Member
Commander Joe Klima, Member

Quorum with 4 present.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Arizona Assistant Attorney General Brian Schneider was not in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Chairman, to approve the minutes from May 6, 2014. Correction to meeting minutes requested by Mr. Dick Studdard, AMSAC Member. The correction request is a clarification to the Motorcycle Training section, third (3rd) paragraph. Mr. Dick Studdard requests the revision to be changes as follows:

Mr. Degn expressed again having AMSAC Council implement Motorcycle Safety training since only 80% of riders have their motorcycle endorsement. Then, Mr. Studdard follows-up with fact that *motorcycle officers that are trained to ride during the motorcycle training courses lose their proficiency after 3 months of training. Mr. Studdard wants to emphasize for this reason, motor officers must develop motorcycle safety training skills again since these motorcycle skills deplete over time.* Mr. Degn states that it might be beneficial to utilize future AMSAC budget for motorcycle safety training; and Director Gutier agrees that utilizing budget towards safety training is a better use of AMSAC funding.

Meeting Minutes are corrected. Motion by Mr. Mick Degn to approve the corrected meeting minutes from May 6, 2014. Second motion by Mr. Don Borland, AMSAC Member. All in favor, minutes approved by Mr. Mick Degn, AMSAC Chairman.

WELCOME & UPDATE & LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

GOHS Director Alberto Gutier advises AMSAC Council that due to new administration there are no current legislative bills introduced at this time pertaining to motorcycle issues. Mr. Gutier provides a brief overview of the current legislative session. In addition, Mr. Gutier advises AMSAC Council that within the last 2 months there have been several fatalities within the State of Arizona.

Mr. Gutier continues with discussion regarding motorcycle safety issues. Commander Joe Klima, AMSAC Member, advises AMSAC Council of his experience with Arizona motor cycle laws. Currently, if an officer comes across an out-of-state motorcycle endorsement that is suspended, there is no State law that allows the motorcycle to be towed.

BUDGET UPDATE:

GOHS Director Gutier provides fiscal overview on AMSAC budget and that the AMSAC budget comes from two funding sources: 1) state/federal funding and 2) AMSAC funding. Mr. Gutier provides overview of current NHTSA federal funding under MAP21-405f (Motorcyclist Safety) and advises AMSAC Council these funds have not been released to GOHS at this time.

Mr. Gutier advises AMSAC Council that upon review, NHTSA approves of the use of federal funding (MAP21-405f) and current objectives of AMSAC in regards to Motorcycle Safety; in addition to, the AMSAF Scholarship Program. NHTSA believes that the use of federal funding towards AMSAC and AMSAF is a good investment for the State of Arizona.

Mr. Gutier and AMSAC Council discuss suggestions regarding Media Buys on Motorcycle Safety. Mr. Degn advises AMSAC Council that Arizona Bike Week starts in March and April; then, Motorcycle Safety Month is held in May.

Mr. Studdard motions to use half of the \$60,000.00 of the AMSAC budget for Media Buys in December 2014; and the other half of AMSAC budget for Media Buys in February and March 2015. Mr. Kinsall seconds motion. Motion approved by Mr. Degn to use half the \$60,000.00 of AMSAC budget in December 2014 and the other half of AMSAC budget in February and March 2015 to purchase Media Buys.

STOCK ITEMS INVENTORY:

Mr. Gutier advises AMSAC Council that GOHS Staff completed AMSAC inventory and found an abundant supply of window clings-bumper stickers that were ordered years ago. There have been 200 of a box of 2000 window clings-bumper stickers distributed to-date. Mr. Gutier suggests eliminating future ordering of more window clings-bumper stickers since there is a large supply currently in stock. Also, Mr. Gutier suggests continue ordering the key chains, and pencils; then, Mr. Degn suggests the tri-folds as well.

AMSAC Member Dick Studdard motions to eliminate any future ordering of the window clings-bumper stickers, and continue ordering key chains, pencils, and tri-folds. AMSAC Chairman Mick Degn seconds motion. Motion is approved to eliminate any future ordering of the window clings-bumper stickers, and continue ordering key chains, pencils, and tri-folds.

PUBLIC SAFETY DAYS AT THE FAIR – RECAP:

AMSAC Chairman Degn states that AMSAC Council had a successful turn-out at the AMSAC booth. GOHS Director Alberto Gutier advises AMSAC Council that this year's Safety Days was a successful outcome and there were 47 agencies in attendance. Mr. Gutier plans to provide the AMSAC Council photo's of the event for their review.

Mr. Gutier invites AMSAC Council to the State Capitol next Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 12:00pm for the Holiday DUI Task Force Kick-Off. Mr. Gutier states that many agencies are

going to be attendance; including a couple of the partnerships that GOHS has with the designated driver program and the know- your-limit campaign. Also, Mr. Gutier reminds AMSAC Council that according to recent statistics motorcycle fatalities have increased and GOHS is continually bringing awareness to the public.

SMSA MEETING UPDATE, BALTIMORE MD:

AMSAC Chairman Mick Degn attended the SMSA meeting in Baltimore, and provides AMSAC Council with a two page recap of the meeting, which included CD provided from Snell Helmets. Mr. Degn reports that all the states have the same issues regarding motorcycle safety. Then, Mr. Degn presented information during the SMSA meeting regarding the grant funding and the AMSAF Scholarship Program, which allowed Mr. Degn to present another presentation during another SMSA meeting. Plus the CD from Snell Helmets that Mr. Degn has provided supports a possible partnership with Snell Helmets. The Snell Helmets commitment is getting a “good” helmet to a motorcycle rider and Arizona is a choice state for Snell Helmets regarding promoting awareness. Mr. Gutier questions if Snell Helmets is NHTSA approved and Mr. Degn advises that Snell Helmets is NHTSA approved.

AMSAF/GOHS/AMSAC MOTORCYCLE TRAINING GRANT UPDATE:

Mr. Degn presents information about the AMSAF non-profit foundation that has received grant funding from AMSAC and GOHS to provide scholarships for motorcycle safety training. The completions of endorsements have been successful. There are currently nine (9) certified motorcycle schools that provide a 2-day motorcycle training course. Mr. Degn advises AMSAC Council that the program has had over 700 apply, 470 passed and 54 have failed; although there were 54 that had failed, there was a benefit from the 2-day motorcycle training course. Mr. Degn believes the best way to reduce motorcycle injury and motorcycle fatalities is education, and these courses have provided a collection of motorcycle training data.

Mr. Degn advises AMSAC Council that due to this program there have been organizations that want to create partnerships in motorcycle training and education. There will be a Motorcycle Education Seminar being held in Glendale this March 7, 2015 from 10am-5pm, and this event will tie in with the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

AMSAF FUNDING:

AMSAC Council (not including Mr. Mick Degn also abstained from voting) and Mr. Gutier discuss the current budget and the priority for the AMSAC budget. Commander Klima and Mr. Studdard discuss consideration be given to recommend \$100,000 be set towards motorcycle education and training; although, to be clear the final funding amount will be decided by Mr. Gutier.

Motion by Mr. Studdard to approve a recommendation of \$100,000 of AMSAC budget be prioritize towards motorcycle education and training, and the final amount of funding be decided by Mr. Gutier. Second motion by Commander Klima. All in favor, motion approved to recommend \$100,000 of AMSAC budget goes towards motorcycle education and training.

SHSP MOTORCYCLE EMPHASIS AREAS:

AMSAC Council and Mr. Gutier discuss location of current schools, including counties within the State of Arizona. Mr. Gutier brings to attention that according to current data, schools are only doing training within 6 counties; and Northeastern Arizona may need more training. There are currently 9 schools and 25 locations for on-site motorcycle training. Mr. Degn states that current statistical data could eventually include sorting by where attendee's reside and sorting by counties.

AMSAC Council assists the State's strategic plan in regards to motorcycle safety and education. There will be a Motorcycle Education Seminar being held in Glendale this March 7, 2015 from 10am-5pm, and this event will tie in with the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 2015 is Arizona Bike week.

March 7, 2015 from 10am-5pm, there will be a Motorcycle Education Seminar being held in Glendale.

SET TIME, PLACE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT AMSAC MEETING:

AMSAC Council plans to coordinate with GOHS Executive Admin Mari Hembeck after the 1st of the year to schedule the next AMSAC Council meeting. There are currently no suggested Agenda items for next AMSAC meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

No public members in attendance.

CALL TO ADJOURN:

AMSAC Chairman Mick Degn motions to adjourn meeting. AMSAC Members Joe Klima, Kevin Kinsall, and Dick Studdard seconds motion. Meeting adjourned by Mr. Degn at 12:02p.m.