The assessment program offers States a tool to use over time to review their motorcycle safety program, note the program's strengths and accomplishments, and note where improvements can be made.

The information needed to conduct the assessment is collected through written materials and a series of interviews of, and presentations made by, key persons associated with motorcycle safety activities in the State.

The Technical Assessment Team convenes to review and analyze the information that has been presented to it, develop recommendations, and write the draft final report.
Presentations were conducted for three days.

Covered seven areas of the motorcycle program:
- Program Management
- Motorcycle Personal Protective Equipment
- Motorcycle Operator Licensing
- Rider Education and Training
- Motorcycle Operation Under the Influence of Alcohol or Other Drugs
- Motorcycle Conspicuity and Motorist Awareness Programs
- Public Information and Education Efforts
Recommendations from the Draft Report

- Program Management
  - Strengthen the Texas Strategic Action Plan with more data analysis, assignment of tasks to individuals or groups, and specific dates
  - Continue the collaborative efforts of TxDOT, DPS, and TMSC
  - Develop Evaluation Protocols
Recommendations from the Draft Report

- Motorcycle Protective Equipment
  - Seek Legislation to pass a universal mandatory helmet law
  - Train law enforcement to recognize non-compliant helmets
  - Continue to encourage use of Protective Gear by Motorcyclists
Program Details

Recommendations from the Draft Report

- Operator Licensing
  - Integrate and update the Motorcycle Operator Manual (MOM)
  - Increase fine and penalty for Operating without M Class License
  - Update system so rider education courses can be uploaded into Driver History
  - Eliminate the Skills test for applicants under 18 (Due to class required)
  - Eliminate “I” Restriction and study on expiration date for MSB-8
Recommendations from the Draft Report

- Rider Education and Training
  - Establish a Formal Curriculum Review and Approval Process
  - Expand Rider Coach Prep to more locations / times
  - Waive the driver’s licensing division knowledge test for BRC Graduates
  - Provide Capitol improvements for providers including Fleet and Range
Program Details

Recommendations from the Draft Report

Alcohol and Other Drugs

- Create a motorcycle safety campaign focused on impaired riding
- Identify areas where DWI crashes are occurring and conduct Law Enforcement operations in those areas
- Encourage and Recognize MC Groups and Clubs who Self Police and have a culture of zero tolerance for drinking and riding
Program Details

Recommendations from the Draft Report

- Legislative
  - Encourage reinstatement of the Universal Mandatory Helmet Law
  - Seek Guidance regarding the status of the Motorcycle Education Account
Program Details

Recommendations from the Draft Report

- Law Enforcement
  - Add Motorcycle elements to STEP Grants
  - Incorporate Motorcycle specific messages into current enforcement activities and campaigns
  - Conduct Operations in high crash locations
Recommendations from the Draft Report

- Engineering
  - Develop an awareness presentation or training for State and Local highway traffic engineers to make them aware of roadway conditions that could impair motorcycle operation
  - Encourage the use of Motorcycle specific warning signs in construction areas and locations where road conditions could impact motorcycles
Motorist Awareness Campaigns and Communications

- Conduct analysis to determine where multi-vehicle collisions are occurring, then conduct motorist awareness messages there

- Evaluate the Awareness and impact of our media campaigns

- Further develop the TMSC database to allow greater distribution of materials and recruit volunteers

- Develop Texas Specific materials for impaired riding, licensing, and rider training
Program Details

Recommendations from the Draft Report

- All in All
  - Very Happy with the recommendations
  - No recommendations calling for us to stop or end certain things
  - Most recommendations were “continue” or “increase” what we are doing
  - More research to better understand motorcycle crash causation issues and implement countermeasures to reduce fatalities and crashes
Recommendations from the Draft Report

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