2008 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FACTS

- 98 riders and passengers were killed in motorcycle crashes in Colorado in 2008, the highest ever recorded.

- Motorcycle fatalities represented 18% of the 548 traffic deaths in Colorado last year, despite representing only 3% of registered vehicles.

- Motorcycle usage is up.
  - Registrations have increased from 89,897 in 1994 to 173,873 in 2008.

- Of the motorcycle fatalities in 2008:
  - Over 2/3 were not wearing a helmet
  - 34% of riders were under the influence of alcohol
  - 39% did not have a motorcycle endorsement
  - In 8 out of 10 cases, the rider was determined to be at fault
  - 86% were men

- Motorcycle fatalities occurred in every month of the year.
  - August was highest fatality month with 18, followed by July (16), June (12), May (10), October (10), April, September, November (8 each)
Fatalities by county:
- 82% of victims were from Colorado
- 2/3 of fatalities occurred in rider's home area/county
- El Paso County had 15% of state's motorcycle fatalities

Motorcycle fatalities span all ages
In 2008:
- 36% were age 18 to 34
  - 40% increase as compared to 2007
- 23% were age 35 to 44
- 39% were age 45 or older
  - Consistently the highest risk age group

Over 10,000 riders complete the MOST Training (Motorcycle Operators Safety Training) every year

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