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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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**Location:** City of Huntington Beach

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** August 31, 2012

### **Details:**

#### Huntington Beach Police Department Working To Reduce Motorcycle Fatalities

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on August 31, 2012 in an effort to continue lowering deaths and injuries. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle crashes occur. Officers will be looking for drivers and riders who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol and cracking down on traffic violations made by motorcyclists, as well as other vehicle drivers, that can lead to motorcycle collisions, injuries and fatalities.

California Office of Traffic Safety reports fewer fatal motorcycle collisions for two consecutive years, and we want to see this trend continue. California collision data reveals that primary causes of motorcycle-involved crashes include speeding, unsafe turning and impairment due to alcohol and other drugs. The Huntington Beach Police Department is also reminding all motorists to always be alert and watch out for motorcycles, especially when turning and changing lanes.

Some of the reduction in riders killed can be attributed to fewer improperly licensed motorcyclists. Riders, young and old, are encouraged to be properly licensed and to seek training and safety information. "The terrible trend of rising motorcyclist fatalities has been reversed, though there is more that everyone can do to save more lives. Riders and drivers need to respect each other and share the road," said California Office of Traffic Safety Director, Christopher J. Murphy.

Rider's can get training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at [www.CA-msp.org](http://www.CA-msp.org) or 1-877 RIDE 411 or 1-877-743-3411.

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