

This is a good idea. From the ABATE of Wisconsin Legislative Committee

Dave Dwyer, Chair

2010 Wisconsin Election Results:

What now?

Now is the time to start building good relationships with your State Legislators. According to the unofficial results being published we have our work cut out for us getting to know our new legislators. (The results will not be official until after November 16, 2010.)

In the contested Assembly races we have a total of 27 new legislators. Of those, 10 defeated the incumbent. We also have six new Senators in the races that were contested. Three defeated the incumbent and in 3 races the incumbent did not run. There were also 22 Assembly and 2 Senate races that only had one candidate.

If you live in Assembly Districts; 2, 26, 28, 43, 44, 49, 68 (87 vote difference), 72, 88 or 93 (71 vote difference) or Senate districts; 5, 21 or 29 your incumbent was defeated and the challenger is going to be your new contact person.

If you live in Assembly districts; 4, 5, 8, 10, 30, 32, 35, 45, 51, 52, 67, 74, 75, 77, 80, 89 or 98 and Senate districts; 1, 21 or 29 you now have a new person representing you.

With the Republican Party taking control of both houses we are going to be seeing new Committee Chairpersons. Most of those positions have not been announced yet. We suspect that some will be the person who held that position when the Republicans were last in power.

Now is the time to contact all the successful candidates from your area and congratulate them on their success. This includes Democrats and Republicans, Assembly and Senate. Also let them know if you will be making an appointment in the new year to come to Madison with our Citizen Biker Lobby Day to see them on February 22, 2011 to talk about Motorcycle issues.

If you need the contact information for the newly elected officials you can find it on the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board website. If you click on the link Candidates on the Ballot under "Fall 2010 Election" that will take to the lists you use for contacting them. The pdf document at this location lists all candidates that were on the ballot. You will need to chose the winner from the names listed.

It is never too early to make a good first impression.

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National Transportation Safety Board Calls for Nationwide Helmet Laws

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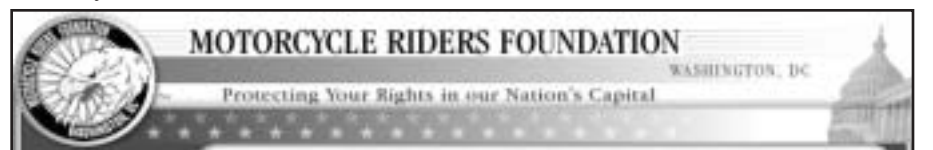
The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is calling on all States that do not have a mandatory helmet law to adopt one. The NTSB has a "top ten most wanted" list that has never before addressed motorcycle helmet law, but does now. They are asking for every State to enact mandatory helmet law for every rider and passenger on every motorcycle.

This is a disturbing, but not surprising, recommendation by the NTSB. They had a forum in 2007 where they brought in some motorcycle safety professionals and asked them a few questions, they then relied on their motorcycle crash investigations, a whopping six in total crash investigations to issue some safety recommendations. This pales in comparison to the over 150,000 airline incident investigations, over 90,000 other surface transportation investigations, which does more than qualify them to issue such recommendations. But investigating just six motorcycle accidents and now they are the experts?

What's also surprising is the fact that motorcycle deaths declined last year. For the first time in 11 years motorcycle fatalities went down, and not just a few percentage points. Motorcycle fatalities were down 16 percent last year. And it is not because people were riding less, vehicle miles traveled for motorcycles was down just a half a percent over the previous year, according to the US DOT.

The NTSB has no regulatory ability and no law making ability, just the power to issue recommendations to the States, industry and the Federal government. We at the MRF are troubled by the NTSB issuing recommendations about anything motorcycle, with such a lack of expertise in the arena of motorcycling and a seemingly nonchalant attitude towards the motorcyclists of this country.

The MRF will keep you updated on this and every other issue facing the Motorcyclists of America.



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