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Motorcycle Ohio Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

Day-long celebration to take place at American Motorcyclist Association Saturday

(COLUMBUS) – Together with traffic safety partners, law enforcement, motorcycle advocates and enthusiasts, Motorcycle Ohio (MO) will celebrate its 25 years of providing training and education to the state. MO, part of the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), is committed to reducing the severity and frequency of motorcycle crashes through rider education, public information campaigns and licensing improvement.

"I am proud and honored to be a part of such an important celebration," said OCJS Executive Director Karhlton F. Moore. "Motorcycle Ohio has accomplished so much since its inception, and we are committed to many more years of working with our traffic safety partners on education, enforcement and engineering efforts to reduce motorcycle deaths and injuries."

Since September 1988, MO has trained nearly 190,000 novice and experienced riders. MO also leads the Ride SMART campaign every year to raise awareness for motorcycle safety, addressing all aspects of motorcycle safety, including: Ride Sober. Ride Motorcycle Endorsed. Ride Alert. Use the Right Gear. Ride Trained.

The celebration will kick off Saturday, Aug. 3, at 10:00 a.m. on the campus of the American Motorcyclist Association and the Motorcycle Hall of Fame, located at 13515 Yarmouth Drive in Pickerington, Ohio.

"Both the motorcycling and non-motorcycling public are invited to attend this Saturday," said AMA Vice President of Operations Jeff Massey. "We'll have riding demonstrations, a number of activities to keep folks entertained and food vendors. In recognition of this significant milestone for one of motorcycling's most important safety advocates, we'll also provide free admission to the Hall of Fame for AMA members and \$5 admission for non-members 18 and older."

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Motorcycle Ohio is run by ODPS' Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). OCJS serves as the lead justice planning agency for the state. OCJS promotes educational programs, coalition-building efforts and campaigns focused on highway safety in addition to administering the state's Driver Training program.