



## Military Brotherhood MMC Inc

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### Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

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### Riding and Road Safety

#### General

1. Military Brotherhood MMC encourages safe and responsible riding at all times.
2. The following minimum guidelines are to be observed by all members when on a Club run, or when riding individually.
  - a. Make sure your bike is registered and in a safe, roadworthy condition.
  - b. Make sure your bike is fuelled before departure.
  - c. Pay attention to start times - don't be late!
  - d. Pay attention to the ride Brief.
  - e. Never pass the Road Captain or the designated Road Captain.
  - f. Ride in staggered formation, never side by side (ref Annex A).
  - g. Ride in the same lane as the Road Captain or the designated Road Captain in/on a multi lane highway.
  - h. On a winding or narrow road, ride in single file only (ref Annex A).
  - i. Be aware of your braking distance from the vehicle in front of you, respect the other riders' road space *at all times*. Never ride in a rider's blind spot!
  - j. If you break down, stay with your bike in clear view of the last rider and breakdown vehicle if attending. A Club member will return to assist.
  - k. If you are a solo (single rider) stop for a breakdown to offer a lift if needed.
3. The First Aid kit will be carried by the SSM and/or backup vehicle if attending!
4. The following minimum requirements will be applied by the Road Captain or the designated Road Captain when riding on a Club event or as a group:
  - a. Brief all members on the intended route and stops for breaks;
  - b. Note the number of bikes and support vehicles prior to leaving a location;
  - c. The Road Captain or the designated Road Captain will be the last member to mount his motorcycle, ensuring that all members are within the group and ready to depart a location (the Road Captain or the designated Road Captain must not mount his motorcycle or leave until all members are accounted for);
  - d. When leaving a location, the Road Captain or the designated Road Captain shall ensure that the start speed of the group is adequate to ensure all riders catch up to the group



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(only then is the Road Captain or the designated Road Captain to increase speed to the lawful speed limit);

- e. During the ride each member shall be aware of the rider immediately behind him/her and shall ensure that they slow and/or pull over if that rider immediately behind them has slowed or pulled over;
- f. No member shall leave the moving group until the group has pulled over and stopped;
- g. When the group stops, the Road Captain or the designated Road Captain shall conduct a number count to ensure all riders within the group are accounted for before the group recommences the run;
- h. A 'tail end Charlie' is to be nominated by the Road Captain or the designated Road Captain to assist with monitoring all riders and remaining with a break-down until the group returns and/or the issue is resolved.

### Emergency Call 112

- 5. **112** can be dialled on any GSM digital mobile phone, in any area that your mobile service provider has GSM network coverage.
- 6. In areas where you are out of your service provider's coverage area but in another mobile carrier's coverage area.
- 7. From anywhere overseas where there is GSM digital coverage. The call will be automatically transferred to that country's emergency number and without having to key in a security-protection personal identification number (PIN).
- 8. Note: When dialling the emergency call service from any mobile phone, you will need to state your exact location to the operator.



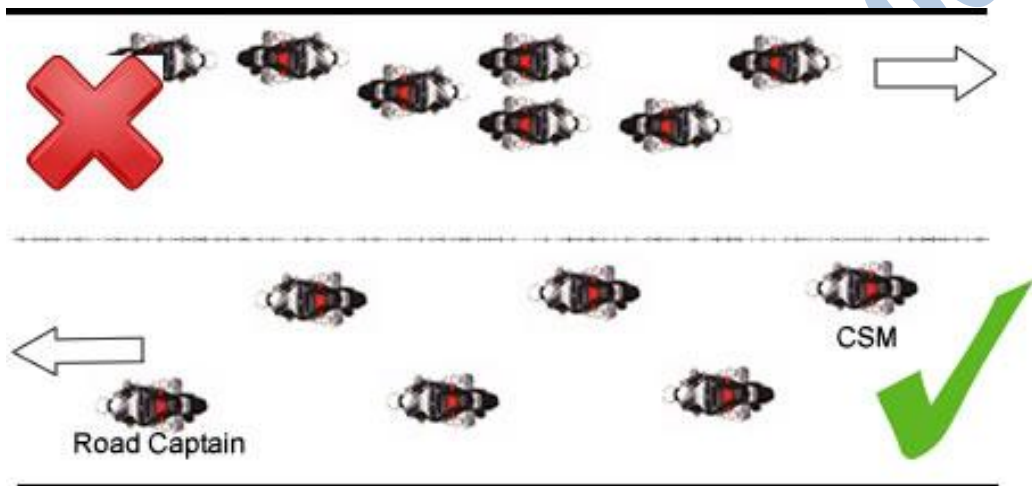
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ANNEX A TO  
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## Road Formations During a Run

- Staggered File on good roads



- Single File on tight winding roads

