



Nobody likes to think about it, even though we all know that something unfortunate can happen out on the road. It's a risk we all accept when we throw a leg over a motorcycle. But how many of us would actually know what to do if we came upon a wreck or were involved in one?

This is where Accident Scene Management, Inc comes in. From our MMA-AZ years, we were familiar with Slider Gilmore's presentation, "Two Wheel Trauma", but had never heard of ASMI. As it turns out the ASMI Bystander Assistance Course "A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist" was inspired by Slider's class.

Anyone can learn what to do at the scene of a motorcycle crash. There are levels of class-

Accident Scene Management Classes

es geared for beginners to professionals. The goals of the ASMI programs are:

- 1.) to reduce injuries and fatalities at the scene of motor vehicle crashes
- 2.) to reduce rescuer injury at the scene of a crash
- 3.) to enhance the effectiveness of the EMS by having trained bystanders tend to the injured until professional help arrives

The basic introductory course covers how to safely remove a helmet, properly perform rescue breathing, control bleeding, treat for shock, and a host of other topics to help the victim have the best chance for survival while awaiting the arrival of Emergency Personnel. Other topics in the curriculum include anaphylactic shock, burns, and heat stroke.

Jean Cooper, RN, MSN is an ASMI-certified instructor who offers classes here in the Valley of the Sun. She's been riding motorcycles for about 37 years. Arriving in Arizona in 1990, she enjoys the year round riding weather. Jean's been a registered nurse for almost as long as she's been riding. Most of her clinical experience has been in Critical Care, including three years as nurse educator, and more recently as program manager for women's health.

She served on the Arizona Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council for three years. During that time, she attended a SMSA [State Motorcycle Safety Association] confer-

ence in Texas and went to an ASMI breakout session. She found the information presented to be extremely valuable and thought that becoming an ASMI instructor would be the best way to combine her skills & experience and to share her knowledge with others to promote motorcycle safety. Jean's been a member of ABATE of Arizona since 1996, having held almost every officer position at least once.

Whether you are a road captain for your riding group or an independent who wants to have this extra level of knowledge & the ability to assist if needed; this is a program that you should look into. If your group would like to host an ASMI seminar, that can also be arranged.

For our readers who are out of this area, classes are held at a variety of locations throughout the country. For more information regarding a current class list, a list of instructors, or instructions on how to host a class, please call or visit the ASMI website at www.accidentscene.org.

For local riders, contact Jean Cooper at 602-616-9855, 602-285-0366, or azjkc@aol.com.

Jean is currently organizing a new class. We will post the information here in *AZ Rider* when the particulars are set. OR you can send Jean an email and she will forward the details to you.

Ride safe ~ ride often ~

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