



## NEWS ADVISORY

### Applying the brakes to distracted drivers, untrained motorcyclists

January 31, 2018, Phoenix, Arizona –Thanks to the foresight and support of Governor Ducey, Arizona now has turned intense attention to the number of fatalities on the state's roadways. Speed, impairment, seatbelt use, distracted drivers, and untrained motorcyclists are primary causes of fatalities.

In 2017 alone, preliminary numbers indicate there were close to 1,000 fatalities in Arizona. The numbers are staggering and efforts are underway to ramp up enforcement and awareness in driving the numbers down through a campaign of safety awareness and training.

Motorcyclists are dying on Arizona roadways everyday and the numbers are increasing giving the state a major challenge to resolve. In addition to the state's support of the statewide initiative, Arizona Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Foundation (AMSAF) has been addressing the issue of motorcycle crashes and how to reduce fatalities and injuries on Arizona roads through education, awareness and training scholarships. AMSAF has garnered the support of the State of Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (AZGOHS) through numerous grants to address the ramifications of untrained motorcyclists everyday.

"AMSAF and its partners want to recognize Governor Ducey for everything he has done to help AMSAF and the motorcycle communities reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities in Arizona," says Mick Degn, executive director for AMSAF. "We would not have been able to help individuals and families in Arizona communities the way we have to date had it not been for the support of grants from AZGOHS and their leadership."

"We need more business leaders to step up and help with this very important issue," adds Degn. "We can't do it alone. However, together, we can help reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities in Arizona."

The goal of AMSAF, a 501c3 foundation, is to provide motorcycle training scholarships to individuals 15-1/2 years and older who need training and certification in the State of Arizona. The scholarship program created is the only one of its kind in the nation. To date, over 2100 individuals have taken advantage of the AMSAF motorcycle scholarships in all Arizona counties.

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