



SAFETY BRIEFING



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1. Treat this ride as a moving Flag Line. Please do not wave, take pictures, smoke nor allow a passenger to do so. This is not a parade, it's a funeral.
2. Do not ride in the procession if you are not going all the way to the destination.
3. Motorcycles will travel in columns of two in a staggered formation utilizing flashers and/or auxiliary lighting. Due to limited visibility by our big flags, we will not utilize hand signals. Follow the tire in front of you.
4. Maintain the closest interval you feel comfortable riding. The slower we go, the closer we ride. Do not allow enough room for a vehicle to pull in front of you.
5. Your spacing is set on the bike directly in front of you, not the bike at your eleven or one o'clock position. If the Rider beside you is too far back from the vehicle in front of them, you should move forward in your lane to maintain proper spacing within your lane. **DO NOT** cross the lane for any reason from the time the procession starts until we reach our destination.
6. Watch the vehicle in front of you. If you take your eyes off it, it WILL stop.
7. Be VERY conscious of LEO or escort services passing at high speed in the traffic lanes next to you – they may utilize either side of the procession. Be prepared to allow them in the lane with you. Don't be startled by their horns, sirens or klaxons. Ensure they have clearance around you when we are in single lanes.
8. The Safety Officer is the last bike in the formation. If you must leave the procession for any reason, ensure the lane is clear before pulling out. Give a "thumbs up" if you are okay or a "thumbs down" if you need the Safety Officer to stop.
9. DO NOT rejoin the procession should you have to pull out. Proceed on to the destination following the rear of the procession.
10. Anyone not comfortable with high-speed formation riding should proceed on to the cemetery with the support vehicle or they may follow the procession at their own pace.
11. Unless directed by the Mission Ride Captain, do not approach the family, funeral staff or escort personnel. Open carry of a weapon or the wearing of a holster that is even partially visible below your vest is not permitted.
11. The Mission Ride Captain has the authority to dismiss Riders for use of obscene, rude or otherwise unfriendly gestures or creating a dangerous situation with a motorcycle or cage.
12. If you observe any Rider coming in late who did not hear this briefing, direct them to a Ride Captain for this brief. No one rides in the procession without it.
13. **YOU ARE THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY!!!** Does anyone have any questions?