GTSB REPORT

May 2020
MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

• Motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in traffic crashes & fatalities.
• Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are 27x more likely to die in a crash than other motorists.
• According to NHTSA, motorcycle crashes involving another motor vehicle continue to account for nearly ½ of all motorcycle fatalities in the US.
COVID-19 TRAFFIC TRENDS

In 2020, the Iowa State Patrol is experiencing a 36% increase in traffic citations issued for speeds 25+ (over) the posted speed limit based on the previous 4 year average. (797 total citations in 2020)

Iowa State Patrol also reports experiencing a 41% increase in traffic citations issued for speeds 100 m.ph. or faster based on the previous 4 year average. (246 total citations in 2020)

For Polk County, from January 1, 2020 to April 24, 2020, Iowa State Patrol cited

- 129 vehicles for traveling 25+ over the speed limit
- 32 vehicles for traveling 100+ over the speed limit

As mentioned last month, an adverse side effect of less vehicle miles traveled over all, is that generally speaking, our roadways are wide open racetracks for risky drivers. Speed is up significantly and law enforcement is stepping up and sending a message in response – they are out there and they will find you.
CAN’T SEE? DON’T GO!

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Slow down! If you Can’t See, Don’t Go!
Extra Caution at Dawn, Dusk and Night!
Drive Defensively!

This will be a great topic for us to discuss as a group once we are able to all be back together. Do you have problem intersections in your area? Does your crash data have saturations on rural roads in your area?

Can’t wait to be back together!
QUESTIONS?

STAY SAFE!

STAY HEALTHY!

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