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Examining the Feasibility of Alcohol Ignition Interlocks for Motorcycles

Mr. Scott McKnight, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)

Mr. Scott McKnight presented information from the Examining the Feasibility of Alcohol Ignition Interlocks for Motorcycles study. The study looked into alcohol ignition interlocks and whether they can serve as an appropriate DUI countermeasure when installed on motorcycles operated by offenders convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol.

While most licensed motorcycle operators can also drive a regular passenger vehicle, there are some riders that either do not own cars or that prefer to ride a motorcycle at least some of the time during their interlock stipulated period.

The report also summarizes findings uncovered in the process of trying to understand and

disentangle issues of perceived liability, technical barriers, statutory or legislative barriers, and other factors related to motorcycle interlock usage.



Motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities increased over the last decade due to many factors, such as increased motorcycle licensing and motorcycle registrations.

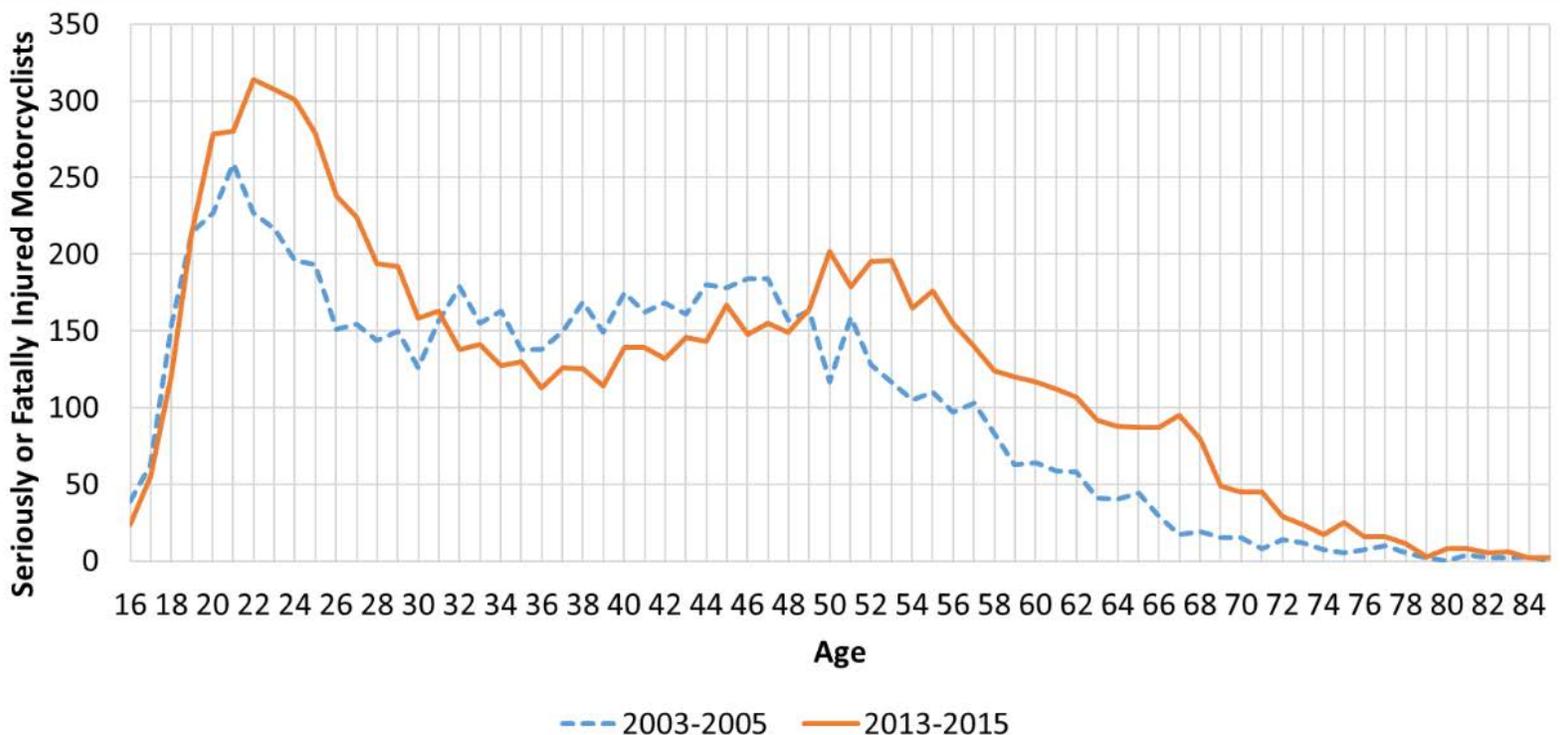
Florida Crash Data Update

Dr. Chanyoung Lee, CUTR

Dr. Lee gave an update on the Florida Motorcycle Crash data. The total amount of motorcycle crashes went up in 2016 and 2017 but the number of fatalities went down. Between 2000 and 2017 motorcycle registrations doubled. There was an increase number of crashes for 25 year old riders and younger in 2013-2015 compared to 2003-2005.

Dr. Lee continued by updating the Coalition members by showing a graph on serious and fatal motorcycle injuries in Florida's Counties. There are 67 counties in Florida, 62% of serious motorcycle injuries came from the top 10 counties in the state of Florida. Additionally, 80% of injuries came from top 20 counties in the state of Florida.

Serious and fatal injuries (Motorcycle) by County



Youth Off-road Vehicle Diversion Program

Ms. Detective Knight, Fort Lauderdale Police Department

The Youth Off-road Vehicle Diversion Program was created after Fort Lauderdale experienced an unusual increase in motorcycle crashes and fatalities related to reckless riding. Lauderdale Police Department has conducted proactive efforts to patrol and prevent dangerous riding. As a result, a program is being piloted in South Florida MiniGP Program. The primary goal is to create a safe and affordable atmosphere for the entire family to enjoy the sport of motorcycle racing, and introduce children to road racing in a safe and meaningful format. The program ultimately aims to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents and fatalities in the city and reduce the number of motorcycle fatalities of Lauderdale residents.



By educating the community with safer legal ways to pursue off road motorcycle riding, the program provides resources to deter illegal riding of motorcycles by targeting 7-15 year olds who may want to ride in the future. Riders complete a 16-item questionnaire and are diverted into the program. In the future the program plans to expand to promote safe riding with older aged riders in the city.

