



- ❑ **In 2008, 16 motorcyclists were killed in traffic crashes...one less than in 2007**
- ❑ **9 of the motorcycle operators were under the influence of alcohol**
- ❑ **7 of the motorcyclists were wearing helmets**
- ❑ **Half of the 2008 motorcycle deaths occurred in a three and a half week period in August**
- ❑ **In 2008, 286 people were injured in motorcycle crashes**
- ❑ **50% of fatal crashes last year occurred on a weekend.**
- ❑ **In 2008's fatal motorcycle crashes, State Police say in all but one case, error on the part of the motorcycle operator resulted in the fatal crash. Primary contributing factors were speeding, alcohol, and loss of control of the motorcycle.**
- ❑ **The average age of motorcyclists killed in Delaware is over the age of 40.**
- ❑ **Riders involved in fatal crashes are most often on touring bikes, though in 2008 sport bikes were most often involved in fatal crashes.**
- ❑ **High crash areas for motorcyclists in 2008 included: Milford, Dover, the beach area, Georgetown-Millsboro, Bridgeville, Middletown, Newark, Rts. 2, 4 and 141.**
- ❑ **Drivers of passenger vehicles should actively scan for motorcyclists and give them proper space and passing room.**
- ❑ **Motorcyclists should remember to wear appropriate safety gear, never pass between vehicles or on the shoulder, and never ride side by side with another motorcyclist in the same lane.**