

IDAHO STATE POLICE PROCEDURE

07.09 MOTORCYCLE UNIT

A. General

The Idaho State Police Motorcycle Units (ISPMU) are located in District One, District Three, and District Five.

B. Requirements

1. Troopers or Specialists may apply for available openings in an ISPMU:
 - a. assignment to an ISPMU is a work assignment; there is no guarantee of the duration of that assignment;
 - b. specialists must take a voluntary demotion when assigned to an ISPMU;
 - c. troopers selected for an ISPMU acknowledge assignment and duties on the [EHF-07-09-01 ISP Motorcycle Agreement](#).
2. Minimum requirements for applicants are:
 - a. permanent status as an ISP employee;
 - b. at least an “Achieves Performance Standards” performance evaluation;
 - c. a positive recommendation by their district command staff; and
 - d. a willingness to commit to a minimum of three years upon successful completion of the ISP motorcycle training course.
3. Vacancies in an ISPMU are:
 - a. announced by ISP Human Resources; and
 - b. filled by the district Captain with the approval of the area Major.
4. Before assignment, the trooper must:
 - a. Possess a valid motorcycle endorsement; and
 - b. pass the 2-week POST Basic Police Motor training course.

C. Assignment

The assignment of motorcycles is restricted to areas where traffic experience indicates the use of motorcycles as patrol vehicles is noticeably more effective than automobiles.

1. Primary duty assignments are on state and federal highways or as assigned by the district command staff.
2. The Regional Communications Center does not assign any ISPMU to other areas unless directed by the district Captain or his designee.
3. The district Captain or his designee may assign special assignments requiring shift changes.

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4. ISPMU troopers are normally assigned 10-hour shifts Monday through Friday with a 30-minute compensated meal break and two 15-minute breaks.

D. Training

Initial ISPMU training and regular in-service training is coordinated through the district Captain or their designee.

E. Voluntary Removal from Motorcycle Duty

1. Troopers may request in writing to be removed from the motorcycle assignment:
 - a. removal is at the discretion of the Major with the concurrence of the Chief of Operations;
 - b. troopers are expected to serve a minimum of 3 years in motorcycle operations before they are allowed to leave the program; and
 - c. the Major may require competent medical opinion to substantiate a claim that the request for removal is for medical reasons.
2. ISP makes every effort to assign Troopers leaving the program to districts of their choice if openings are available.
3. Moves outside the Trooper's current district are made at the Trooper's expense.

F. Involuntary Removal from Motorcycle Duty

1. The Major may remove Troopers from motorcycle assignment.
2. Troopers removed from motorcycle assignment may appeal the removal through ISP procedure [03.10 Problem Solving](#).
3. The Major may temporarily reassign an ISPMU Trooper for training purposes due to substandard performance.

G. Equipment and Maintenance – Motorcycle

1. Equipment installed is standard but minor changes, alterations or addition of equipment may be authorized by the Major.
2. The headset cabling system is rigidly attached to the quick disconnect plug. The connector plug must be capable of separating if pull is applied from any angle. Modifications to this cabling system are not permitted.
3. ISPMU troopers must inspect their assigned motorcycles at the beginning of each work shift.

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4. The Fleet Coordinator distributes a copy of all Recall or Maintenance Bulletins relating to the maintenance of motorcycles to the ISPMU troopers.
5. Motorcycles, when garaged at other than an ISP facility, must be under cover in an enclosed, locked area:
 - a. a carport does not meet this requirement;
 - b. when an enclosed garage is not available, the motorcycle must be housed at the District garage;
6. Troopers on extended leave must park their motorcycles at a secured covered location
7. District command staff may inspect the storage facility to determine compliance with this procedure.
8. Troopers housing their motorcycles at the District may drive their state issued vehicle to or from their work location.

H. Helmets and Uniforms

1. Troopers assigned to an ISPMU are issued a helmet and a radio headset kit:
 - a. the helmet and headset are worn at all times during enforcement operations;
 - b. a training helmet may be used during training operations.
2. The headset kit includes the speakers, microphone elements with wiring to the helmet, and a body cable that connects the headset and the motorcycle cabling.
3. Honorary Motor – Any Motor Trooper who voluntarily leaves the Motor Unit after successfully fulfilling their three-year commitment is recognized as an Honorary Motor and may wear the Wing Wheel Pin for the remainder of the trooper's career. The Wing Wheel Pin is worn on the Class A uniform, centered over the right shirt pocket, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above the nameplate or other ribbons as appropriate.