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# RIDER REFINEMENT NORTH

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# Aims

- Background – why did we need Rider Refinement?
- The partnership
- Rider Refinement Course
- Outcomes



# Why did we need Rider refinement?

- Motorcycle Casualties have remained static while other casualty groups have fallen year on year.
- A number of motorcycle casualties appear to be due to poor riding or skills.
- Over 50% of motorcycle fatalities in 2017 were in the North of Scotland
- The profile of those being injured or killed was in the 45 – 60 age group.
- Our enforcement activity was having limited effect.



# The Partnership

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- North East Road Safety Partnership
- Perth and Kinross Council
- Highlands and Islands Council
- Angus Council
- The Institute of Advanced Motorists



# Rider Refinement Course

- 1 day theory and practical training day.
- Police Motorcyclists and IAM National Observers
- Short Theory Input
- On Road Experience with Observers
- Questionnaire on attitudes, behaviors and training
- Equipment used to deliver the course.



# Outcomes

- IBP Strategy and Research Report
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# The Future

- Plans to run Rider Refinement for next two years to 2020 | the North.
- Beyond 2020?





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