The 2016 Motorcycle Safety Program will be conducted through Glen Oaks Community College. We encourage folks to register early. Class size is limited. As you will see on the registration form the classes will take place at Sturgis High School. We will offer classes beginning in April. There are no refunds. If you are late for your assigned class you could be replaced by a walk in.

We offer twelve (10) Basic Rider Classes for the very beginner, and for riders with experience and two (2) Returning Rider BRC Classes. Please call Paul Aivars, Director of Business Outreach and Services, Glen Oaks Community College, (269) 294-4276 or email Lori at: ltemplin@glenoaks.edu if you have questions on the qualifications.

The Basic Rider Course (BRC) will help you learn the physical and mental skills required to enjoy riding to the fullest. You must be able to balance a two-wheel bicycle before riding a motorcycle in this course.

The classroom activities introduce the mental and perceptual processes needed to be a good rider and show you how to process information and make safe decisions. The riding sessions have you practice basic control that includes clutch and throttle coordination, straight-line riding, stopping, turning, and shifting. Also included are quicker stops, curves, and swerves. It is important not only to be healthy, but to have enough fitness, strength, and coordination to learn well and manage the physical demands of riding a motorcycle.

The Basic Rider classes are offered in one weekend; Friday evening and ½ day Saturday and ½ day Sunday. The classroom takes place on Friday evenings from 6-10:30 p.m. and range instruction takes place on Saturday and Sunday on a split schedule using the program training motorcycles. That means you are on the range for half of each day, one day in the am and one day in the pm. Range groups are established during class on Friday evening. The final written test is administered at lunch time on Saturday and the on-bike skills test is administered on Sunday at the completion of your group’s range instruction.

The Returning Rider Basic Rider Course is a one-day (8 hour) class for riders who have not been riding for some time or who have been riding on a permit for a time and wish to renew/refresh their basic skills and/or earn a skill test (endorsement or license) waiver for a motorcycle. The course is not intended for a novice rider who is learning to ride for the first time. You will use your own motorcycle in this class. You must be 18 years or older to register for RRBRC.

Goals for the course include improving techniques, and gaining more knowledge of risk, including how to manage risk while riding. The classroom is approximately 3 hours including time for the knowledge test. The range session is approximately 5 hours including the skill evaluation. It uses screening exercises to verify the riders’ basic skills. Riders who cannot demonstrate minimum riding proficiency fairly quickly will not be allowed to continue and will be counseled to enroll in a Basic Rider Course.

For 2016 we offer all of the motorcycle education courses for a fee of $25. (NO REFUND). They are partially grant funded through the Michigan Dept. of State. The motorcycles are provided for the BRC as well as classroom materials.

All students must provide helmet, gloves, ankle high boots, and proper clothing.

Classes take place, rain or shine.

Pre-registration is required by mailing the registration form with a check or money order, copy of the driver license, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Motorcycle Safety Program, Attn: Jennifer Dodson, Glen Oaks Community College, 62449 Shimmel Road, Centreville, MI 49032.

Confirmation of enrollment will be sent by email and U.S.P.S.

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If you have questions please call Paul Aivars, Director of Business Outreach and Services, Glen Oaks Community College, (269) 294-4276, email: paivars@glenoaks.edu or call Lori - 3pm - 8pm, Mon.-Thurs., (269) 467-9945 or email: ltemplin@glenoaks.edu if you have questions.