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**MARYSVILLE POLICE  
RECOGNIZES  
NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE  
AWARENESS MONTH**

MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA - May 23, 2024 - As National Motorcycle Awareness Month is coming to an end and with the Memorial Weekend Holiday upon us, Chief Christian Sachs of the Marysville Police Department takes a moment to acknowledge the significance of this observance and emphasizes the importance of road safety for motorcyclists and all road users.

National Motorcycle Awareness Month, observed during the month of May, serves as a crucial reminder for motorists to share the road responsibly and be mindful of the presence of motorcycles. With the increasing number of motorcycles on our roads, it is imperative that we prioritize awareness and mutual respect among all road users to ensure the safety of everyone.

Chief Sachs highlights the vulnerability of motorcyclists and urges both motorcyclists and motorists to exercise caution and vigilance while navigating our roadways. He emphasizes the need for drivers to consistently check blind spots, use turn signals, maintain a safe following distance, and avoid distractions such as texting or other forms of impaired driving.

Furthermore, Chief Sachs underscores the role of education in promoting road safety. The Marysville Police Department remains committed to educating the community about the importance of sharing the road and adhering to traffic laws to prevent accidents and protect lives.

In observance of National Motorcycle Awareness Month, Chief Sachs encourages all motorists to take proactive measures to enhance awareness and promote a culture of safety on our roads. By fostering mutual respect and understanding among all road users, we can work together to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents and create a safer environment for everyone.

The following are safe driving and riding practices that all road users — vehicle drivers and motorcyclists alike — should follow to help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on America’s roadways:

- Observe all traffic laws and always obey the speed limit.
- Drive and ride alcohol- and drug-free.
- Avoid distractions while driving or riding.
- Drivers should yield to motorcyclists, especially while turning at intersections.
- Motorcyclists should wear high-visibility protective gear and DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets. Learn how to identify a safe, DOT-compliant helmet at [www.nhtsa.gov/motorcycle-safety/choose-right-motorcycle-helmet](http://www.nhtsa.gov/motorcycle-safety/choose-right-motorcycle-helmet)

One other significant step that motorcycle riders can take toward promoting road safety for all motorists is completing a rider education and training course. During Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month — and every month — motorcycle riders should commit to adopting and promoting safe driving and riding practices. Everyone can work towards a secure environment for motorcycle riders and all other motorists.

Chief Sachs wishes everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend.

For more information on motorcycle safety, visit [NHTSA.gov/Motorcycles](http://NHTSA.gov/Motorcycles). For additional statistics, please visit <https://cdan.nhtsa.gov/> and search “motorcycle” under Crash Data Publications.

#### About the Marysville Police Department:

The Marysville Police Department is dedicated to serving and protecting the residents of Marysville, California. Committed to excellence, integrity, and community partnership, the department strives to maintain public safety and promote the well-being of all individuals within the community.

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