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**IDOT Encourages Motorcycle Riders to Take Free Training Courses**

*Free Motorcycle Training Offered at Several Central Illinois Locations*

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS**– With motorcycle riding season in full swing, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) today announced that openings are still available in upcoming motorcycle training courses. The University of Illinois Motorcycle Rider Program offers FREE motorcycle rider education courses at numerous locations throughout Central Illinois. IDOT encourages all interested residents to participate. Currently, slots for the Basic Riding Course (BRC) are open in the following locations:

**Joliet Junior College**  
1216 Houbolt Road  
Joliet, IL

**Pontiac Caterpillar Plant**  
1300 4H Park Road  
Pontiac, IL

**Spoon River Community College**  
23235 N. County Road 22  
Canton, IL

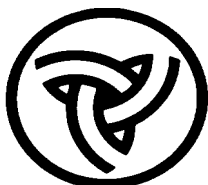
**Illinois EPA Headquarters**  
1021 North Grand Ave. East  
Springfield, IL

**Montgomery Caterpillar Plant**  
South Rte. 31 & Caterpillar Dr.  
Montgomery, IL

**J.C. Whitney**  
1 J.C. Whitney Way  
LaSalle, IL

**Illinois Central College**  
One College Drive  
East Peoria, IL

Training courses are for any Illinois resident 16 years of age or older who holds a valid automobile or motorcycle driver's license or permit.

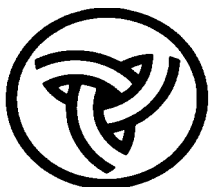


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Although designed for the novice rider as part of the Cycle Rider Safety Training Program (CRSTP), experienced riders also can gain from the BRC training. The course will include approximately 20 hours of instruction. Participants will receive a course textbook, seven hours of classroom instruction and 13 hours of “hands-on” cycle instruction. The Basic Riding Course will give participants the physical skills and knowledge needed to ride properly and safely.

Interested riders can call 1-800-252-3348 for more information. Details regarding additional training and program information can be viewed at [www.startseeingmotorcycles.org](http://www.startseeingmotorcycles.org) or [www.mrp.illinois.edu](http://www.mrp.illinois.edu).

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