

Demystifying the ALPHABET SOUP©

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Since I started collecting stats and information for Dixie ABATE, I've worked with so many abbreviations it's akin to being served a bowl of alphabet soup. Some are obvious, others not so much, so the following may prove helpful to others.

AAIS: American Association of Insurance Services
AAMVA: American Association of Motor Vehicles Administration
AARP: American Association of Retired Persons
AASHTO: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACFD: Assured Clear Following Distance
ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act
ADAAG: Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines
AFM: American Federation of Motorcyclists
AHAS: Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
AHP: Associated Health Plan
AIA: American Insurance Association
AIM: Aid to Injured Motorcyclists
AIM [attorney]: Accident Injury Motorcycle Attorney.
AIR: American Institutes for Research
ALT MOST: Alternative Motorcycle Operator Skill Test
AMA: American Motorcycle Association
ARRA: Americans for Responsible Recreation Access
ATC: Air Traffic Control
BAC: Blood alcohol content
BEU: Biker Enforcement Unit
BRC: Basic Rider Course
CBA: Concerned Bikers Association
CDC: Centers for Disease Control
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations
COIR: Coalition of Independent Riders
COC: Confederation of Clubs
CRS: Coalition for Roadway Safety
DEC: Drug Evaluation and Classification
DMV: Department of Motor Vehicles
DOL: Department of Licensing
DOT: Department of Transportation, as in ALDOT or TNDOT (state)
DPS: Department of Public Safety
DUNS: Data Universal Numbering System
EMU: European Motorcycle Union
ERC: Experienced Rider Course
FARS: Fatal Analysis Reporting System

FHWA: Federal Highway Administration
FISS: Facial Injury Severity Score
FMVSS: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard
FY: Fiscal Year
GDL: Graduated Drivers License
GES: General Estimates System
GHSA: Governor's Highway Safety Administration
GWRRA: Gold Wing Road Riders Association
HB: House Bill
HOG: Harley Owners Group
HPRL: Head Protection Research Laboratory
HSIP: Highway Safety Improvement Program
HSO: Highway Safety Office
IACP: International Association of Chiefs of Police
ICOM: International Coalition of Motorcyclists
MAC: Motorcyclist Advisory Council
MADD: Mothers Against Drunk Driving
MAG: Motorcycle Action Group
MAIDS: Motorcycle Accident in Depth Study
MC: Motorcycle Club
MCA: Motorcycle Accident
MFA: Motorcycle Friendly Area
MIC: Motorcycle Industry Council
MILES: Motorcyclists Introducing Legislation, Education, and Safety
MNVPP: Motorcycle National Vehicle Population Profile
MRF: Motorcycle Riders Foundation
MRO: Motorcycle Rights Organization
MSE: Motorcycle Safety Equipment
MSF: Motorcycle Safety Foundation
MSP: Motorcycle Safety Program
MUTCD: Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
NAB: National Association of Bikers
NAGHSR: National Association of Governors' Highway Safety Representatives
NAMS: National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety
NAMS: National Association for Motorcycle Safety
NASMSA: National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administration
NCHRP: National Cooperative Highway Research Program
NCOM: National Coalition of Motorcyclists
NCSA: National Center for Statistics and Analysis
NDR: National Driver Register
NGO: Non-governmental organization.
NHMA: National Handicapped Motorcycle Association
NHTSA: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
NMDA: National Motorcycle Dealers Association

NOPUS: National Occupant Protection Use Survey
NSA: National Sheriff's Association
NTSB: National Transportation Safety Board
OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturer
OMG: Outlaw Motorcycle Gang
PAC: Political Action Committee – as in BikePAC
PDPS: Problem Driver Pointer System
RADD: Recording Artists, Actors, and Athletes Against Drunk Driving
REP: Riders Education Program
SADD: Students Against Drunk Driving
SAFETEA-LU: Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act Legacy for Users
SB: Senate Bill
SFST: Standard Field Sobriety Test
SHSO: State Highway Safety Offices
SHSP: Strategic Highway Safety Plan
SMRO: State Motorcycle Rights Organization
SMSA: State Motorcycle Safety Administration
SMSAC: State Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee [or Council]
STEP: Selective Traffic Enforcement Program
TE: Traffic Enhancement
TEA: Traffic Enhancement Activities
TIP: Transportation Improvement Program
TIRF: Traffic Injury Research Foundation
USDOT: U. S. Department of Transportation
VMT: Vehicle Miles of Travel
WISQARS: Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (from the CDC)