



## Triumph Daytona and Triumph Tiger Sport - Motorcycles

- **Description:** Two motorcycles that are available to use together or separately. Designed to engage with motorcyclists at either general community events, such as shows, or at specific motorcycle events such as 'bike meets'.
- **Main topic:** Motorcycle safety, rider engagement and collision reduction.
- **Target group:** Motorcyclists
- **Training required:** Yes - bikes have dedicated DSFRS riders. Supporting crews or advocates must have completed the Understanding Motorcyclists course.
- **Staffing:** One per bike plus advocates if required.

Note: Bike events often run better in partnership with Police, Road Safety teams or Ambulance bikers. This needs arranging via Command Support Teams and not direct by crews.



- Motorcyclists are roughly 38 times more likely to be killed in a road traffic accident than car occupants, per mile ridden
- In 2013, 331 motorcyclists died and 4,866 were seriously injured in road collisions in Great Britain.
- Motorcyclist KSIs have fallen since 2008 when 493 motorcyclists were killed and 5,556 were seriously injured on Britain's roads.
- 30 motorcyclists are killed or injured every day at junctions

Source: [www.think.direct.gov.uk/motorcycles](http://www.think.direct.gov.uk/motorcycles)

Collisions involving motorcyclists are out of proportion to their presence on the roads.

In **Devon & Somerset** they make up about **1-2%** of the total road users; but account for **28%** of the Killed or Seriously Injured Collisions.

In **2013** there were **168** KSI collisions and **13** of these were **fatalities**.

Source: *MAST Road Safety Analysis*

DSFRS has two fire bikes to engage with motorcyclists; a **Triumph Tiger Sport** and a **Triumph Daytona 675R**. They are used to create a focus to attract riders when we attend events. In 2014 DSFRS fire bike team attended over 50 bike events between April and September.

DSFRS want to drive these figures down further and work together with motorcyclists and their pillions in their environments. The fire bike team have expert knowledge in bike safety and are able to promote communication and spread knowledge with riders about specific schemes available and rider development opportunities.

The campaigns we promote at events are:

- Green Dot / CRASH CARD Scheme - <http://www.crashcard.co.uk/>
- i-Biker App - <http://www.ibikerapp.com/>
- Bike Safe - <http://www.bikesafe.co.uk/>
- Max Rider – Enhanced Rider Development - <http://maxrider.co.uk/>
- Other Advanced Motorcycle Training

**NEW for 2015: Biker Down:** is a FREE 3 hour workshop comprising of 3 modules: Scene Management, First Aid and The Science Behind Being Seen.

Find us on Facebook at: Biker Down South West or contact us at [bikers@devon.gov.uk](mailto:bikers@devon.gov.uk) or 01392 444773.

**THINK** provide the following advice for Motorcyclists:

### **Riding defensively makes you less vulnerable**

Make sure you:

- anticipate the actions of others
- are alert and observant
- can slow down and stop if the unexpected happens

- position yourself in the safest and best place to maximise your visibility of potential hazards
- take a 'lifesaver' glance over your shoulder before carrying out manoeuvres, so you know where others are and what they're doing

### **Consider further skills training to improve your performance and safety on the road.**

#### **Wear the right gear**

Fall off your bike and tarmac will shred through your jeans in seconds. Wearing the right gear is just as important to your safety as servicing your motorcycle and knowing how to ride it.

- Wear bright or florescent gear during the day and reflective gear at night
- Bikers must wear a protective jacket, gloves, boots and trousers

#### **Choosing the right helmet could help save your life**

The SHARP rating system helps you understand how much protection a helmet offers in a crash - <http://sharp.direct.gov.uk/>

In addition to this DSFRS also engage with **car drivers** to encourage them to look out for motorcyclists; and offer the following advice from the THINK website:

Here are a few simple ways of avoiding crashes with motorcyclists:

#### **THINK! take longer to look for bikes:**

Look carefully for motorbikes when you pull out at a junction. If you're approaching a junction, look out for motorcyclists pulling out too.

#### **Keep your distance**

Driving too close can intimidate a less experienced motorcyclist.

#### **Check for bikes when changing lanes**

A motorcyclist may be in the space you want to move into, or moving into it fast. Remember your blind spot.

#### **Check for bikes when turning**

Parked cars or large vehicles can obstruct your view of a motorcyclist.

#### **Motorcyclists might pass you on either side**

Double-check for motorcyclists, whether you're turning left or right.

#### **Park safely**

Check for motorcyclists before opening your car door - and ensure that your passengers do the same. When you pull away, remember to look specifically for motorcyclists as they can accelerate faster than cars.