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Motorcycle Safety Foundation Awards License Testing Validation Study To Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation

IRVINE, Calif., Jan. 9, 2009 – The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has awarded a motorcycle license testing validation research study to Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. The validation study will compare the MSF’s Basic *RiderCourse*SM knowledge and skill tests with those used in state motor vehicle testing.

“PIRE’s extensive experience in motorcycle research was evidenced in its exceptionally strong proposal,” said Al Hydeman, managing director for MSF. “Obtaining independent third party evaluation is in keeping with MSF’s overarching philosophy to base our curricula decisions on empirically sound research.”

Given recent changes in state licensing requirements, MSF is implementing the one-year study to ensure student knowledge and skill testing in the Basic *RiderCourse* is equivalent and consistent with motor vehicle testing. Results are expected before year-end.

“The ultimate objective is to enhance rider safety in real world situations,” said Dr. Sherry Williams, director of quality assurance and research for MSF. “Ensuring that these tests are performing as intended is a major step toward that goal.”

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Since 1973, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has set internationally recognized standards that promote the safety of motorcyclists with rider education courses, operator licensing tests, and public information programs. The MSF works with the federal government, state agencies, the military, and others to offer training for all skill levels so riders can enjoy a lifetime of safe, responsible motorcycling.

The MSF is a not-for-profit organization sponsored by BMW, BRP, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Piaggio, Suzuki, Triumph, Victory and Yamaha. For *RiderCourse*SM locations, call 800.446.9227 or visit www.msf-usa.org.

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