



Law enforcement officers are very familiar with motor vehicle law. But their frame of reference is how it relates to motorized traffic.

Title 39 explicitly gives bicycle riders the same rights and duties as drivers of motor vehicles (39:4-14.1). Most, but not all, of Title 39 applies to bicyclists. Since the view from a bicycle is different, and a bicyclist is not surrounded by a sturdy metal structure to protect him/herself, the view of those rights and duties is different from the saddle. There are also inconsistencies in Title 39 that may impact officers' response to bicyclists' actions.

A course developed specifically for New Jersey law enforcement officers and presented under a grant from New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety addresses these issues. The program increases awareness of Title 39's impact on the bicycle rider and gives traffic patrol officers the opportunity to experience that perspective.

Classroom modules (3.5 hours): The class is co-taught by New Jersey law enforcement personnel and a national League Coach for the League of American Bicyclists. The classroom portion covers the three "E's":

- **Education:** Traffic skills education
- **Engineering:** Highway and bikeway designs, controls
- **Enforcement:** Equitable treatment of cyclists through the legal process, including bicycle crash investigation techniques

...and briefly touches on additional "E's" — Encouragement, Equity and Evaluation.

On-bike modules (3 hours/ optional):

- **Hazard avoidance techniques** that are taught to the public to help avoid crashes (Rock Dodge, Quick Stop, Avoidance Weave and Instant Turn; these same techniques are taught in the IPMBA course for officers on bikes).
- **Road ride** designed to include as many types of road as is feasible based on course location (residential//connector/arterial, narrow/wide, turn lanes, 4-way stops, etc.).

While the classroom modules provide insight into the way officers interact with bicyclists, the on-bike portion makes the difference. Officers' understanding of Title 39 as it applies to bicycles changes when they are on bicycles in traffic. The on-bike experience creates a new awareness of what it means to drive a bicycle.

Date	Time	Location
May 8, 2019 MIDDLESEX	1000 to 1600	Middlesex County Police Training Center, 11 Patrol Road, Edison, NJ 08837
May 15, 2019 BERGEN	0900 to 1600	Fair Lawn Fire Co. 3, 2-05 Plaza Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ
May 16, 2019 ATLANTIC	0900 to 1600	Police Training Center, 5033 English Creek Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ
May 22, 2019 OCEAN	0900 to 1600	Stafford Twp PD, 260 East Bay Ave, Manahawkin, NJ

You can attend any one of the four sessions. To register, go to <https://goo.gl/2t4W2v>

Equipment required for participation: Bicycle and helmet for on-bike portion.

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