

Dear Riders,

Please take a minute to read the following message, as there are some things about this year's Mountain Of Misery you need to know. We appreciate your participation, and more than that, we appreciate your cooperation. Thanks!

2011's Mountains of Misery saw a renewed emphasis on safety. In year's past, the ride had become plagued with injuries, traffic law violations and constant complaints from the general public along the course. Because of this, the Mountains of Misery Committee hired the Virginia State Police and implemented new sanctions. These steps led to the safest ride to date for MOM, and we hope to continue that tradition in 2012.

**Seven Virginia State Police will again be patrolling the course and controlling riders.**

**Rules of the ride, with sanctions WILL be enforced, and law enforcement will be giving citations to riders who break the law.**

It is our responsibility to provide a safe ride to everyone – please do your part.

If you violate any of the rules of the ride, **you can be sanctioned with immediate ejection, no Finisher's Shirt, no posted finish time, and not being allowed to ride in future MOM events.**

Please review the ride rules, and seek assistance if anything is unclear.

**Officers will be enforcing the law for the safety of everyone.**

**If you violate traffic laws, you will receive a citation.**

**Mountains of Misery is not a race.**

**This is not a closed course.** We are sharing the road with local residents who also have the right to use it.

MOM is full by the end of February each year. Riders are begging to be able to participate. Safety and concern for riders is a big reason the ride is so popular. Riders who do not follow the rules make the event more dangerous for everyone. Please, the rules are simple; you just need to follow them. **THEY WILL BE ENFORCED.**

Riders will again notice a change in the waiver this year, where info will be spelled out in more vivid detail concerning the rules, laws and sanctions riders will be required to follow. PLEASE READ THE WAIVER CAREFULLY BEFORE AGREEING TO THE TERMS PRESENTED.

Please do not take this lightly...MOM was very close to not happening last year because of rider behavior over the past few years. We need you, the riders, to take responsibility and spread the word that irresponsible, illegal and rude behavior will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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MOM Ride Directors 2012