

## **SMSA 2012 Conference Registration**

The Annual SMSA Conference is scheduled for August 24-26, 2012 in Nashville, Tennessee. Register now so you don't miss the early registration deadline! Click here for the registration form.

Hotel Reservations must be made directly with the Music City Sheraton. Please call 888-627-7060 to make your reservations and mention the "2012 SMSA Conference" when making your reservations in order to secure the conference rate.

## **SMSA 2012 Business Meeting**

The SMSA will be conducting a member's business meeting from 8:30 AM till 12:00 PM (noon) on August 24 at the Music City Sheraton in Nashville, Tennessee. All State Voting, Supporting Associate, Professional, Corporate, Supporting and Emeritus Associate members are invited to participate in this business meeting.

Members planning to participate in this business meeting need to complete the SMSA 2012 Members' Annual Meeting Registration located on the SMSA website. Please click here for the form.

## **Professional Development Workshop for State Administrators, Directors of State Highway Safety Offices and Military Rider Training Administrators**

A Professional Development Workshop (PDW) for Rider Training Administrators will be held in conjunction with the 2012 Annual SMSA Conference on Friday, August 24, 2012 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

The PDW will focus on the development of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) – Model Administrative Standards for Motorcycle Rider Training Programs.

It is essential that Rider Training Administrators plan to attend this PDW to provide their input. The PDW will give participants the opportunity to discuss the Model Standards and offer suggestions. A draft copy of the Standards will be emailed to participants prior to the PDW.

There is no registration fee and registration is limited to only State Administrators, Directors of State Highway Safety Offices and Military Rider Training Administrators. Attendees must register prior to the conference. To register, [please click here](#).

## **2012 SMSA Outstanding Contribution Award**

The SMSA Award Committee is seeking nominations for the 2012 SMSA Outstanding Contribution Award. This annual Award, formerly known as the Chairperson Award, recognizes individuals who through their dedication, commitment and contribution to motorcycle safety have made a positive impact on a national, state or local level. Click here for more information and the nomination form.

## **2012 SMSA Outstanding State Award**

The SMSA Award Committee is seeking nominations for the **2012 SMSA Outstanding State Award**. This is a new Award that recognizes a state with a comprehensive state motorcycle safety program (NHTSA Highway Safety Program Guideline No. 3 – Motorcycle Safety Program) and has implemented strategies that are successful, effective and can be measured, evaluated and serve as best practices. Click here for more information and the nomination form.

## **Call For Papers for 2012 Conference**

The SMSA is actively seeking informative, timely and relevant presentations for breakout sessions on motorcycle safety related topics that will educate and motivate conference participants and support the goal of reducing motorcycle crashes and related injuries. In an effort to provide the most value to our members and conference attendees, we are looking for a broad range of topics, including but not limited to: effective and efficient program management; law enforcement and motorcycle safety; evaluation, data collection and analysis; innovative instructional techniques and courses; highway engineering; effective public awareness and rider conspicuity efforts; evaluating programs and projects; and problem identification.

If you or someone you know has a professional, quality presentation on an aspect of motorcycle safety, please click [here](#) for more information on the call for papers. The deadline for submissions is May 1.

## **NCSL Releases Motorcycle Safety Report**

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has released their motorcycle safety report, which provides an overview of motorcycle safety, including federal regulations and guidelines, information about current and notable trends in state policy that address motorcycle safety, and the effectiveness of these efforts. To read the full report, visit <http://www.ncsl.org/documents/transportation/Motorcyclesafety2012.pdf>.