



Training Center Update

Youth Safety Day set for Spring 2010

KCRTC November Safety Training Focus: ATV's & Dirtbikes

As the weather gets cooler most people are no longer thinking about riding motorcycles on the street, but still ride their ATV's & dirtbikes. Here at KCRTC we do the same.

ATV safety courses are scheduled through December and the dirtbike training has increased as well. Safety courses are available on the scheduled dates but please remember that training is also available on weekdays. To schedule a safety course call us!



November 6, 7
December 12

KCRTC receives inquiries about safety courses for individuals with specific needs regularly. We can meet your needs and will accommodate your particular situation. Give us a call and let us help you or your group be a safer rider.

Final 2009 Basic RiderCourse November 13-15

The final MSF Basic RiderCourse for 2009 will begin Friday evening at 6 p.m. on November 13th. The course is limited to 12 persons so sign up as soon as possible because there are only a few spaces left.

The MSF BRC teaches the basic skills necessary to begin riding on the street. Students may also receive a waiver of the skills test required by the Ky. Division of Drivers Licensing upon successful completion of the course.

At the end of the season there will be a reception for everyone who attended a safety course. Be sure to watch for your invitation!

Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture Disaster Training was a great success!

State Agriculture Safety Director, The Kentucky Department of Agriculture Safety Director, Dale Dobson, came to KCRTC on October 10-12 for safety & rescue training for local ATV, Fire departments, and police/EMS personnel. The activities included classroom discussions regarding the importance & use of ATV safety rescue equipment, a mock disaster scenario, and the involvement of medical air transport teams that flew in to give the participants a better understanding of preparing an injured person for flight transport.

The 2-day event included about 25 people from Knott & surrounding counties who gained valuable hands-on experience in ATV rescue scenarios. Everyone also took part in a trail ride of the area and a cook-out on Saturday evening that featured a pot of Dale's famous chili.

Washington-Jefferson Forestry takes DBS Training

The Washington & Jefferson Division of the U.S. Dept. of Forestry in Virginia purchased 2 new ROKON cycles for trail maintenance throughout the forests in Virginia. Federal law mandates that all federal employees must be trained to operate the equipment. The crew of 10 came to KCRTC for safety training on the new units which are unlike any other two-wheeled vehicle. Top speed is about 12 mph and the units have 2-wheel drive! ROKON's are designed for accessing areas not easily accessible by other vehicles and are the only vehicles approved for use on federal forest lands. KCRTC works with several agencies for employee safety training. If your company is in need of employee training call for more information.

Agriculture Safety Director Dale Dobson always enjoys coming to Knott County & to KCRTC for the camaraderie, the scenery, and the excellent terrain available for the training. Plans are even in the works for his return in the Spring of 2010 for a Youth Safety Day that will involve many of the local schools from all over eastern KY. Look for more on this announcement in January. This event has been sponsored by Perry County & Knott County Farm Bureaus in the past but with the help of Dale Dobson and the Ky Dept. of Agriculture the Spring event promises to be a premiere event that every school will want to encourage their students to attend.

The event will include lots of safety information for the students and will also include a trail ride for the participants to see a variety of terrain as well as (hopefully) see Knott County's largest attraction (literally), the multitudes of elk that graze the mountaintop grasslands.

At the end of the day participation awards will be distributed for all that complete the day's activities. Everyone will receive an Event T-shirt, several items from Friends of Coal, as well as other items from local ATV/dirtbike dealers throughout eastern Kentucky.

Please pass the word about this event for all of the youth in eastern Kentucky to attend. It promises to be a great time for the youth riders to learn about safe riding while meeting new friends and riding in a unique area of the U.S.A.

Winter Brings Out Herds of Elk!



Have you ever seen a herd of 100 or more elk? Would you enjoy doing so? This scene happens often on Elk View Drive, near the Knott Co. ATV & Motorcycle Rider Training Center. The elk begin to travel in large herds in October and as the weather gets cooler the elk gather in even larger groups. It is an awesome sight to see & if you come here are a few guidelines to follow:

1. Elk are not pets or farm animals.
2. They are wild, shy animals.
3. If you frighten them they may leave the area & not return.
4. Do not chase an Elk on foot, on ATV's or in an automobile.
5. Harrassing wild animals is against the law!
6. If you encounter Elk on a road or trail, slow down or stop.
7. Stay as far away as possible; at least 200 feet.
8. Treat Elk with respect & respect the viewing pleasure of others.
9. Be Elk Friendly!

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