



# Bike Cops Rule!

By **Maureen Becker**  
 Executive Director, IPMBA

Members of the law enforcement training community quickly learned that bike cops possess more than just pedal power as police cyclists walked off with 24 medals out of a possible 45 during the First Annual Law Enforcement Skills World Championships, a feature of the American Society for Law Enforcement Training's (ASLET) Annual Conference. The Championships, held on February 16 in Orlando, Florida, consisted of six skills events: tactical foot pursuit, tactical pistol response, threat recognition, pursuit driving, use of force, and, of course, police bicycle pursuit.

When ASLET decided to include a mountain bike competition as part of the Skills Championships, they came to the experts at IPMBA. IPMBA was proud to share the collective experience of certified instructors Artie Gonzales (Topeka KS), Gary McLaughlin (Sacramento CA), T.J. Richardson (San Antonio TX), and Kathy Vonk (Ann Arbor MI). With the seemingly unlimited support and resources of Sgt. Rich Adair and the Osceola County Sheriff's Office (FL), a challenging course was designed and constructed.

After negotiating numerous obstacles, including several tight cone maneuvers, a series of teeter-totters, a fence, and a balance beam, competitors were required to take down and cuff Controlled F.O.R.C.E. "Freddy," a training dummy that possesses wrists, arms, elbows, and knees that function much like those of humans and that "resists arrest." Bike patrol officers from as far away as California turned out to put their skills to the test. They competed, individually and as teams, in the bike event as well as in all but one of the other events. The only event in which bike cops declined to participate was pursuit driving – no big surprise.

When the Skills Championships came to an end and the winners announced, the results were clear – bike cops rule! Not only did bike patrol officers sweep the awards for the bike competition, they walked off the stage with an impressive number of medals in the other categories as well. IPMBA congratulates all the winners, but especially the following police cyclists:

**David Brady** (Dublin PD, CA): First Place Team, Tactical Foot Pursuit; First Place Team, Bicycle Pursuit; First Place Male, Bicycle Pursuit.

**Kit Bryan** (Orange County SO, FL): Second Place Team, Bicycle Pursuit.

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# Keepin' Busy

Support Still Growing for Tennessee Bike Medic Team

Submitted by **Nick Gatlin EMSCI # 36**  
 Williamson Medical Center (Franklin, TN)

In a little over two years, Williamson Medical Center EMS in Franklin, Tennessee, has built a bike medic program that has become far more than the typical "special events" team it was originally designed to be. With a response area of 475 square miles and a population of about 130,000 people, there's more than enough to keep the team busy. In 2000, the team worked more than 60 events, and this year the schedule will probably be bigger.

The team initially began with two medics, an idea, and funding from the Volunteer Auxiliary at Williamson Medical Center, the community hospital. The volunteers run the hospital's gift shop and several fund-raising events throughout the year, usually to buy equipment for patients' family members to use while their loved ones are hospitalized. The bike medic team was the first project outside the hospital.

On the team's first practice ride, three bike medics happened upon an unreported house fire. After confining the blaze to one room and rescuing a bedridden elderly woman, they summoned the Franklin Fire Department, who extinguished the fire. This first incident was typical of the

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# What A Wonderful Ride

How could it be nine years already? It seems like just yesterday that I was in Las Vegas, meeting bike cops from around the country and starting the first of many wonderful IPMBA friendships. That was the 1992 conference, when IPMBA was "born" and most of our programs were nothing more than the products of some very vivid imaginations.

What a long way we have come since then, and what a wonderful ride it has been.

I remember walking into the hotel conference room, in which virtually every class was held. Standing near the back of the room was an officer in a neatly pressed wool uniform shirt and Sporttiff shorts. I looked at his shoulder patch. It read *Hayward Police*. I was really surprised. As Minnesotan, I knew Hayward as a small town in northern Wisconsin, known for lumberjack contests, muskie fishing and the *Birkebeiner* cross country ski race. I walked up and told him how surprised I was to see Hayward Police represented at a national bike patrol conference.

"How many bike cops do you have in Hayward?" I asked him.

"About 25," he replied. I was totally surprised. I didn't think Hayward PD had but a dozen officers total!

"Twenty-five bike officers?... I didn't think the whole department was that big!"

Looking a little surprised, he informed me that the Hayward Police Department had over 180 officers.

I looked at him again and said, "Geez, I didn't think little Hayward, Wisconsin, needed that many cops!"

Shaking his head and giving me a look like he felt sorry for me or something, he responded, "No...Hayward, **California**. It's across the bay from San Francisco."

The following year, the IPMBA Police on Bikes conference, and the first IPMBA Police Cyclist Course, was held in Ft Lauderdale. Among the instructors selected was a reported bike patrol expert from California named Sgt. Joe Martin.

Boy, was I surprised when, at the first instructor meeting, who should walk in but my old buddy from Hayward. Hoping he would say "no," I apprehensively asked him if he remembered our first meeting. Much to my chagrin, he said that he actually remembered that meeting quite well!

Nuts.

Since that day, however, Joe and I have become very good friends and confidantes. We've shared many laughs and many memorable moments. Like the time in San Antonio that I was late for a meeting because a stripped door knob locked me in my hotel bathroom for nearly an hour. Following my escape from the john, Joe informed me that I would be helping to write a book on bike patrol. Eventually, that book became the *Complete Guide to Police Cycling*. Joe and I have shared many experiences. I even survived a Tennessee tornado with him. We have been roommates at several IPMBA conferences and various training classes. I should point out that the reports of our snoring are greatly exaggerated, but don't ask anyone who had the room next to us to confirm that!

Joe was the first of many great people that I have had the privilege to work with and befriend in my years with IPMBA. Certainly, Allan Howard (my mentor and PCI Numero Uno), Tom Woods, other past and present Board members and staffers top the list, but there are many others who are equally important and valued. I couldn't possibly name them all!

As I retire from the IPMBA Board, I realize that it is the people -- not just the accomplishments -- that I will remember and savor the most. In my nearly 27 years in law enforcement, I have dealt with officers of all types and specialties. Bike cops have consistently been some of the finest and most professional police officers I have ever encountered. Cycling just seems to attract nice people.

We all know that patrolling on a bike is the best way to learn, embrace, and serve the people on our beat. Most call it community policing. The goals of community policing are not compatible with those of officers whose sole purpose

is to see what they can do TO the public instead of what they can do FOR them. As a result, bike patrol does not tend to attract the bullies and the badge heavy brutes from our ranks. Through my experience with IPMBA, I have been blessed to meet and work with the best of the best. I will cherish that always.


Though I am leaving the Board to make room for new people and ideas, I am not leaving IPMBA. To use an analogy from bike racing, I have taken my turn at the front of the line, and it is time for me to move to the back and draft for a while.

My years of serving on the IPMBA Board, especially those spent as President, have been the most gratifying and fun of my police career. I am very proud of what we have all been able to accomplish...what a wonderful ride it has been. But I challenge you to "keep pedalin'" to make IPMBA even better. Let's see how far you can take this thing.

My most sincere thanks to everyone for your years of support, friendship and love.

Ride Safe.

- Kirby



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**Submissions are welcomed and encouraged.**  
 Call Maureen (410-685-2220) for information.

# IPMBA Instructor Course Information

**BOULDER, COLORADO**  
**JUNE 18-22, 2001**

**COURSE LOCATION:** University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, Colorado

**HOST HOTEL:** Ramada Inn Boulder, 800 28th Street, Boulder. 303-443-3322/800-542-0304.  
**Rates:** \$90 per night single/double/triple/quad (not including 9.7% sales & occupancy tax. The tax will not be assessed if payment is made with a government-issued credit card or if you present a tax exempt certificate or number upon check-in.) Be sure to identify yourself as a member of IPMBA to take advantage of this special rate — and hurry — this rate is only available until May 17, 2001!

**COURSE LENGTH:** 40 hours (five eight-hour days)

**HOST AGENCY:** University of Colorado Police Department

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Applications, course registration forms, and all fees must be received by May 28, 2001. No walk-ins!

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Confirmation materials, including directions and a list of equipment, will be mailed after your registration has been processed.

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After a tough week of class, why not cut loose a bit? Your hosts invite you to join them for some serious mountain biking on some of the area's most beautiful trails. Knowledgeable guides will be available to provide you with the experience of a lifetime — and a unique opportunity to practice those freshly-honed bike skills! Tackle the challenging Hall Ranch Loop or the more moderate Betasso Preserve, with its great singletrack and scenic vistas. If you plan to stay through Sunday to take advantage of the lower airfares typically available, this is the perfect way to spend the day!

*If you would like to join your hosts for a day of fabulous riding, please check the appropriate box on the registration form so they can plan transportation and other logistics accordingly. There are no fees for the mountain bike rides.*

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**MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**  
**JULY 30-AUGUST 3, 2001**

**COURSE LOCATION:** Minneapolis Community & Technical College's Center for Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement, 1380 Energy Lane, St. Paul.

**HOST HOTEL:** Sheraton Midway, 400 N. Hamline Avenue, St. Paul. Rate: \$89 (plus 13% tax) per night single/double. Call 651-642-1234 and identify yourself as a member of IPMBA to take advantage of this special rate — and hurry — this rate is only available until June 29, 2001!

**COURSE LENGTH:** 40 hours (five eight-hour days)

**HOST AGENCY:** Minneapolis Police Department

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Applications, course registration forms, and all fees must be received by IPMBA no later than July 9, 2001. No walk-ins! Contact: IPMBA, 410-685-2220.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Confirmation materials, including directions and a list of equipment, will be mailed after your registration has been processed.

**Maintenance Officer  
Certification Course  
Available**

**MAINTENANCE OFFICER CERTIFICATION COURSE  
(COMPLETE POLICE/EMS BICYCLE MECHANICAL COURSE)**

**LOCATION:** Minneapolis Community & Technical College's Center for Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement, 1380 Energy Lane, St. Paul.

**DATES:** July 30-August 2  
(32 hours; four eight-hour days)

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** 651-643-3427.

**DESCRIPTION:** This course provides mechanically-inclined bike officers and EMS personnel with the skills to maintain the department bikes and perform all but the most technical repairs. It begins with basic maintenance and continues with all facets of bicycle assembly and repair, with a special emphasis on *Field Maintenance* and *Troubleshooting*.

# IPMBA Instructor Course Registration

Become an instructor for the finest public safety cyclist organization in the world! Join the ranks of over 300 IPMBA-certified Instructors nationwide and help ensure that police officers and EMS-personnel on bikes receive the top-quality training they deserve.

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When you have completed this course, you will be equipped with the skills you need to teach beginner and intermediate cyclists how to use the bike, not just as transportation, but as an indispensable tool for success on the job. Certification will be issued upon successful completion of the course requirements.

*Note: this course is required of all PCI/EMSCI Candidates, inactive PCI/EMSCI's (who have not taught a class in over one year), current PCI/EMSCI Instructors who have not taken the PCID Course, and all prospective instructors.*

If you are not already an IPMBA Instructor or Instructor Candidate, you must submit the following items: 1) *Instructor Application* and fee (contact 410-685-2220 or ipmba@aol.com for an application packet); 2) a copy of your *IPMBA Police/EMS Cyclist Certificate* or a completed *IPMBA Membership & Certification Application* and fee; 3) a recommendation from your IPMBA Instructor; 4) a recommendation from your department; and 5) this registration form. **Current IPMBA membership and certification are required.**

*Note: Applications are subject to review. If you have not met the above requirements and the pre-requisites described in the application, your course registration fee will be returned. The application fee is non-refundable. All applications must be received by IPMBA at least three weeks prior to the course you wish to attend. You must submit your completed Instructor Application prior to or at the same time as your Instructor Course Registration Form, or your Course Registration Form will be returned unprocessed. Course is limited to the first 30 students who meet all prerequisites. Course registration fee or purchase order MUST accompany this registration form. Spaces cannot be reserved without payment. No Walk-Ins.*

## The Instructor Course Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am registering for the COLORADO Course.  
 I am registering for the MINNESOTA Course.

### ➤ CHECK OFF WHAT APPLIES TO YOU! ⚡

- I am  a current IPMBA Member (member # \_\_\_\_\_).  
 joining IPMBA (my \$40 dues are enclosed).  
 renewing IPMBA membership (my \$40 dues are enclosed).
- I am  an IPMBA-Certified Police or EMS Cyclist.  
 not IPMBA-Certified yet, but my Police/EMS Cyclist certification application & \$10 fee are enclosed.  
 awaiting my certificate because I have submitted my membership and certification application.
- I am  a current PCI/EMSCI (My instructor number is \_\_\_\_\_).  
 a current PCI/EMSCI Candidate.
- I am  a first time instructor applicant and:  
 My application and \$125.00 fee are enclosed.  
 I submitted my app. and \$125.00 fee previously.
- I am  a member of a police bike unit.  
 a member of an EMS bike unit.

FOR COLORADO COURSE ONLY:

6. I am  interested in going mountain biking on Saturday, June 23.

### BOULDER, COLORADO ~ June 18-22, 2001

- \$385 Course Registration (includes lunch each day)  
 \$125 Instructor Application Fee  
 \$40 Membership Dues  
 \$10 Certification

### MINN/ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA ~ July 30-August 3, 2001

- \$385 Course Registration (includes lunch each day)  
 \$125 Instructor Application Fee  
 \$40 Membership Dues  
 \$10 Certification

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

### FORM OF PAYMENT

- Check  MC/Visa

\_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

For PO: Dept. Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:  
**IPMBA Instructor Course – 28 East Ostend  
Street – Baltimore MD 21230**  
*Sorry, No Faxes.*

*Cancellation policy: Refund requests must be made in writing and postmarked three weeks prior to the course. Refunds, less a \$25 administrative fee, will be processed following each course. Application fee, certification fee and membership dues are non-refundable. \$25 charge for returned checks*

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# The Ibis Attack Police Bicycle

By Officer Kirby Beck, PCI #002T  
Coon Rapids PD (MN)

A new bike has entered the public safety market. Ibis is a small but classy bike company in northern California known for its high-quality bicycle frames. The bike – dubbed the Ibis *Attack* – was conceptualized and designed by long-time IPMBA Police Cyclist Instructor Bruce Hopfengardner, formerly of Centerville PD, Centerville, Ohio.

The bike starts with an aluminum frame, black, except for the small white panel identifying it as an Ibis. The frame, weighing in at a mere 3.5 lbs, features an oversized downtube with reinforced tigs at the headtube weld. It has a monostay seat stay and a replaceable derailleur hanger. It has lugs for three bottle cages – two for water and one for a light system battery. It comes equipped with a high-rise/short-reach stem and Kalloy Uno seat post and bar ends that are great for bike patrol work. The standard saddle is the Velo Crossbow.

The production bike will have lugs on the seat stays to facilitate rear racks. The lugs had not been installed on the prototype bike I rode.

The Ibis *Attack* is completely equipped with Deore LX components: hubs, linear pull brakes, bottom bracket, crankset and both front and rear derailleurs. It has a nine-speed cassette and LX Rapid Fire shifters. The bike uses Mavic X221 32-spoke wheels built by WheelSmith using double-butted spokes. Continental Town and Country tires and a Greenfield rear mount kickstand are standard. The bike comes with a black Manitou Magnum R fork with 76.2 mm travel. It has coil and microcellular urethane (MCU) springs and oil dampening. The fork has an adjustable preload. The frame and fork are both disk brake ready.

I found that it rides like a very light bike. It is comfortable and responsive. When it was introduced at the ASLET conference in Orlando, it was ridden by a number of good riders, all of whom seemed to enjoy the ride and agree that it is a quality bicycle. Be sure to give the IBIS *Attack* a test ride at this year's Police on Bikes Conference in Cincinnati (May 3-5). You are sure to find it an American-made, quality hardtail that will challenge any of the popular models to date.

For more information, contact Bruce Hopfengardner at 800-283-0943 or WING312@mindspring.com.

## Bike Cops Rule!

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**Brad Conway** (Seattle PD, WA): First Place Male, Tactical Pistol Response; First Place Team, Tactical Foot Pursuit; First Place Team, Bicycle Pursuit.

**Edward Croissant** (Tampa PD, FL): Third Place Male, Threat Recognition.

**Bill Edgar** (Orlando PD, FL): Third Place Male, Bicycle Pursuit; Third Place Team, Bicycle Pursuit.

**Lou Ann Hamblin** (Van Buren Township PD, MI): First Place Female, Threat Recognition; First Place Female, Tactical Foot Pursuit; First Place Female, Bicycle Pursuit.

**Paul Hollingsworth** (Orange County SO, FL): Second Place Team, Bicycle Pursuit.

**Sonya McCaughy** (Tampa PD, FL): Second Place Female, Bicycle Pursuit.

**Jason Pearson** (Winter Garden PD, FL): Third Place Male, Tactical Foot Pursuit; Third Place Team, Tactical Foot Pursuit.

**T.J. Richardson** (San Antonio PD, TX): Third Place Male, Tactical Pistol Response.

**Kathleen Vonk** (Ann Arbor PD, MI): Second Place Female, Tactical Pistol Response; Second Place Female, Threat Recognition; Second Place Female, Tactical Foot Pursuit; Overall Champion, Female.

**John Ward** (Orange County SO, FL): Third Place Team, Bicycle Pursuit.

**Darin Zaremba** (Medina PD, OH): Second Place Male, Bicycle Pursuit.

First place bike pursuit winners David Brady and Lou Ann Hamblin each went home with a brand-new Ibis police bicycle (non-motorized), courtesy of Zapworld.com, and a year's membership in IPMBA.

IPMBA thanks ASLET, Controlled F.O.R.C.E., and Zapworld.com for their roles in putting together a terrific event. Please visit [www.aslet.org](http://www.aslet.org), [www.controlledforce.com](http://www.controlledforce.com); and [www.zapworld.com](http://www.zapworld.com) to find out more about each.

### 2001 WORLD POLICE & FIRE GAMES

On June 8, Indianapolis will give a hero's welcome to more than 10,000 public safety officers, from as many as 60 countries, who will be participating in the 2001 World Police & Fire Games. These athletes will take part in an intense sporting competition at top-level facilities, as well as share ideas and experiences with other public safety officers from around the world. 1300 athletes, representing 22 countries and 43 states have already registered. For more information, visit [www.2001wpfg.org](http://www.2001wpfg.org), email [megan@hetcom.com](mailto:megan@hetcom.com), or call 317-262-8080.

# Product Purchase Program

IPMBA's Product Purchase Program offers IPMBA members a great selection\* of bike patrol related products at reduced prices. This page provides discount details from the participating companies. You **MUST** be a current IPMBA member to receive these discounts. Have your **IPMBA member number ready**. Enjoy the discounts.

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**Contact Name:** Van Zeebenbergen  
**Address:** 683 Rt. 33  
 Highstown, NJ 08520  
**Phone:** 609-371-1554  
**Fax:** 609-371-1733  
**E-Mail:** sales@abs-sports.com  
**Website:** www.abs-sports.com  
**Product:** Super Saddle  
**Regular Cost:** \$99.00  
**Cost to Members:** \$89.00  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail

**Company Name:** Nutri-Plex, Inc.  
**Contact Name:** Mike Merkes  
**Address:** 3517 NW 35 Terrace  
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309  
**Phone:** 954-486-4590  
**Fax:** 954-486-4026  
**E-Mail:** K2max@hotmail.com  
**Website:**  
**Product:** Sports and Nutritional Supplements  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** Wholesale prices  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** AX, CH, MC, V, PO  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Mail

**Company Name:** Eko Sport  
**Contact Name:** Christy Fry  
**Address:** 580 North Westgate Drive  
 Grand Junction, CO 81505  
**Phone:** 970-241-3518 (800-999-8277)  
**Fax:** 970-241-3529  
**E-Mail:** Fry@ekosport.com  
**Website:** www.ekosport.com  
**Product:** Power grips, pedal straps, total air suspension upgrades & pumps  
**Regular Cost:** 20% off retail prices  
**Cost to Members:** CK, MC, V, D  
**Form of Payment:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website  
**Ordering Options:**

**Company Name:** Bike Control Inc  
**Contact Name:** Lester Eriston  
**Address:** PO Box 1895  
 Beaverton OR 97075  
**Phone:** 503-579-9729  
**Fax:** 503-571-7465  
**E-Mail:** info@bikecontrol.com  
**Website:** www.bikecontrol.com  
**Product:** Add-on Rear Suspension  
**Regular Cost:** \$199.00  
**Cost to Members:** \$169.00  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** C, DC, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, Website

**Company Name:** Bushwhacker USA  
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 Morgan UT 84060  
**Phone:** 801-829-8801  
**Fax:** 801-829-6104  
**E-Mail:** js1205@aol.com  
**Website:** www.bushwhackerbags.com  
**Product:** MESA Rear Rack Trunk  
**Regular Cost:** \$55.00  
**Cost to Members:** \$35.00  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** AX, C, CK, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:**

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**Address:** 4000 First Ave S  
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**Phone:** 800-527-1527  
**Fax:** 800-583-7583  
**E-Mail:** John.fahy@cascaadedesigns.com  
**Website:** cascaadedesigns.com  
**Product:** Playpups Hydration Systems  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** Wholesale minus 10%  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** CK, Money Order accompanied by pro-form  
**Ordering Options:** Mail-in only

**Company Name:** De Soto Sport  
**Contact Name:** Emilio De Soto II  
**Address:** 5262 Eastgate Mall  
 San Diego CA 92121  
**Phone:** 858-453-6672  
**Fax:** 858-453-6783  
**E-Mail:** desotoinc@aol.com  
**Website:** n/a  
**Product:** All Products  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** 40% off retail  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** AX, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website

**Company Name:** Diadora  
**Contact Name:** Chris Goodwin  
**Address:** 12600 Steele Creek Rd  
 Charlotte NC 28273  
**Phone:** 800-FON-GITFA ext. 318  
**Fax:** 704-588-4322  
**E-Mail:** info@glitabike.com  
**Website:** www.glitabike.com  
**Product:** Bike Patrol Shoe  
**Regular Cost:** \$90.00  
**Cost to Members:** \$80.00  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, fax

**Company Name:** Fuji America  
**Contact Name:** Kevin Moran  
**Address:** 118 Bauer Drive  
 Oakland NJ 07438  
**Phone:** 800-631-8474  
**Fax:** 201-337-1752  
**E-Mail:** info@fuji bikes.com  
**Website:** www.fujibikes.com  
**Product:** Bicycles and Related Products  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** Call for special pricing on bikes  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** C, CH, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Mail

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**Contact Name:** Pat Rios  
**Address:** 21480 Pacific Blvd  
 Sterling VA 20166  
**Phone:** 703-450-1900 ext. 293  
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**E-Mail:** pros@hk-usa.com  
**Website:**  
**Product:** \*Officer Survival for the Mountain Bike Officer\*  
**Regular Cost:** \$50 off class price  
**Cost to Members:**  
**Notes:** Pre-payment or purchase order  
**Form of Payment:** Phone for information  
**Ordering Options:**

**Company Name:** Lane Sunglasses  
**Contact Name:** Neal Dykstra  
**Address:** 7640 N. 400 W.  
 Rensselaer IN 47978  
**Phone:** 800-542-7850  
**Fax:** 219-956-2112  
**E-Mail:** eyewear@netlco.net  
**Website:** www.lanesunglasses.com  
**Product:** Protective Eyewear and Goggles  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** Wholesale to members  
**Notes:** Call toll free for a free brochure  
**Form of Payment:** CH, DC, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website, Mail

**Company Name:** Makite  
**Contact Name:** William Mak  
**Address:** 1823 W. Webster Ave.  
 Chicago IL 60614  
**Phone:** 800-888-5427  
**Fax:** 773-276-3331  
**E-Mail:** libre.safety@prodigy.net  
**Website:**  
**Product:** Illuminated Safety Light Products  
**Regular Cost:** \$12.95  
**Cost to Members:** \$9.00  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** AX, D, DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax

**Company Name:** Marwi Lights  
**Contact Name:** Karol Philippe-Watson  
**Address:** 3571 N Union Dr  
 Olney IL 62450  
**Phone:** 618-392-2000  
**Fax:** 618-392-2030  
**E-Mail:** karol.watson@marwiusa.com  
**Website:** www.marwiusa.com  
**Product:** Bike Lighting Systems  
**Regular Cost:** \$99.00 - \$259.00  
**Cost to Members:** Contact directly for discount  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** Visa, MC, COD  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Mail

**Company Name:** Maxxis Tires  
**Contact Name:** Michael Kleinmeinz  
**Address:** 545 Old Peachtree Rd  
 Suwanee GA 30024  
**Phone:** 770-962-8229 ext. 124  
**Fax:** 770-962-7705  
**E-Mail:** n/a  
**Website:** www.maxxistires.com  
**Product:** MTB Tires and Tubes  
**Regular Cost:** \$20.00  
**Cost to Members:** \$8.00  
**Notes:** Add more savings  
**Form of Payment:** AX, D, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone

**Company Name:** Mocoan  
**Contact Name:** Bill Levitt  
**Address:** 1635 Montovia Avenue  
 Costa Mesa CA 92627  
**Phone:** 949-546-1701  
**Fax:** 949-546-1590  
**E-Mail:** mocoanhp@aol.com  
**Website:** www.mocoan.net  
**Product:** Bike & Standard Parel Wear  
**Regular Cost:** 20% off retail  
**Cost to Members:**  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** AZ, C, CH, DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Fax

**Company Name:** Model Rectifier Corporation  
**Contact Name:** Frank Riccio  
**Address:** 80 Newfield Ave  
 Edison NJ 08837  
**Phone:** 732-225-2100  
**Fax:** 732-225-0091  
**E-Mail:** n/a  
**Website:** www.modelrec.com  
**Product:** Helmet Gear, Cycle Visor  
**Regular Cost:** \$14.98  
**Cost to Members:** \$7.50  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** C, CK, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax

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### ABBREVIATIONS:

- AX - American Express
- C - Cash
- CH - Personal Check
- DC - Department Check
- D - Discover
- MC - MasterCard
- PO - Purchase Order
- V - Visa

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# Product Purchase Program

IPMBA's Product Purchase Program offers IPMBA members a great selection\* of bike patrol related products at reduced prices. This page provides discount details from the participating companies. You **MUST** be a current IPMBA member to receive these discounts. Have your IPMBA member number ready. Enjoy the discounts.

**Company Name:** Nuke Proof Industries  
**Contact Name:** Jim Tremayne  
**Address:** 443 Century St., SW  
 Grand Rapids MI 49503  
**Phone:** 616-493-9000  
**Fax:** 616-493-4300  
**E-Mail:** nukeprf@nukeproof.com  
**Website:** www.nukeproof.com  
**Product:** Police Edition Warhead Wheelsets  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** Call for details  
**Notes:** Call for more deals  
**Form of Payment:** C, CH, DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website, Mail

**Company Name:** Original Footwear Co.  
**Contact Name:** Tedd Dunaway  
**Address:** 4901 Cloutier Dr., Suite B  
 Modesto CA, 95350  
**Phone:** 888-478-7700  
**Fax:** 209-549-2739  
**E-Mail:** info@originalswat.com  
**Website:** www.originalswat.com  
**Product:** L.E. Footwear that feels like cross trainers  
**Cost to Members:** Call or e-mail for member specials  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** C, CH, DC, MC, PO, V, D  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website, Mail

**Company Name:** Paloma Cycling  
**Contact Name:** Michael Jensen  
**Address:** 62 Cherry St.  
 Bridgeport CT 06605  
**Phone:** 203-336-4901  
**Fax:** n/a  
**E-Mail:** palomacycling@yahoo.com  
**Website:** n/a  
**Product:** Cycling and Running Socks  
**Regular Cost:** \$5.00  
**Cost to Members:** \$4.00  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** AX, C, CH, DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail

**Company Name:** ProGold Products  
**Contact Name:** Doug or Van  
**Address:** 4108 Stacks Rd  
 College Park GA 30349  
**Phone:** 404-421-5823  
**Fax:** 404-786-3977  
**E-Mail:** progoldint@aol.com  
**Website:** www.progoldint.com  
**Product:** ProLink Chain Lubr, ProGold Lubr, EPX Grease/more  
**Cost to Members:** Call for details; 40% off retail  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** C, CH, DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website, Mail

**Company Name:** Promark International Inc  
**Contact Name:** Kenneth Balkner  
**Address:** 35 E. Willow St.  
 Massapequa NY 11758  
**Phone:** 800-645-4443  
**Fax:** 516-795-6543  
**E-Mail:** promarkint@aol.com  
**Website:** www.publicatemail.com  
**Product:** Full Line of Law Enforcement Equipment  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** 40% off most equipment  
**Notes:** Catalogs available upon request  
**Form of Payment:**  
**Ordering Options:** CH, MC, V

**Company Name:** PVI Inc. Spokes Wear  
**Contact Name:** Fred Hutchinson  
**Address:** 12532 Beverly Pk Rd  
 Lynnwood WA 98037  
**Phone:** 425-355-3669  
**Fax:** 425-355-3661  
**E-Mail:** pvi@pviinc.com  
**Website:** pviincspokeswear.com  
**Product:** The Glove  
**Regular Cost:** \$30.00  
**Cost to Members:** \$15.00  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** C, DC, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail

**Company Name:** Rudy Project  
**Contact Name:** Bob Kelly  
**Address:** 971 Calle Amatecer  
 San Clemente CA 92673  
**Phone:** 888-860-7597  
**Fax:** 800-316-8753  
**E-Mail:** rudy@aol.com  
**Website:** rudyproject.it  
**Product:** Sunglasses and Sport Eyewear  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** 10% over wholesale  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone

**Company Name:** Signal Measurement Corp.  
**Contact Name:** Ronnie Dowell  
**Address:** 12519 Wanda Lane  
 Magnolia TX 77354  
**Phone:** 800-527-1079  
**Fax:** 281-358-0099  
**E-Mail:** ronnie@smc-corp.com  
**Website:** www.smc-corp.com  
**Product:** Mounts for GPS & hand held comm.  
**Regular Cost:** \$56.19  
**Cost to Members:** \$35.71  
**Notes:** And more savings...  
**Form of Payment:** C, D, DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax

**Company Name:** SportWorks Northwest Inc  
**Contact Name:** Julie Gregg  
**Address:** 15500 WoodRd Rd NE #C-600  
 Woodinville WA 98072  
**Phone:** 425-483-7000  
**Fax:** 425-488-9001  
**E-Mail:** julieg@swnw.com  
**Website:** www.bicycleracks.com  
**Product:** Hitch-mounted quick load bike racks  
**Regular Cost:** \$300.00 (2 bike) \$430.00 (3 bike)  
**Cost to Members:** \$240.00 (2 bike) \$344.00 (3 bike)  
**Notes:** For 4 bike: \$424 v. \$530 normally  
**Form of Payment:** C, DC, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website

**Company Name:** Swagman  
**Contact Name:** Jim or Don  
**Address:** 300-1880 Government St.  
 Penicton BC, CANADA V2A7J1  
**Phone:** 800-469-7924  
**Fax:** 800-469-7893  
**E-Mail:** jim@swagman.net  
**Website:** www.swagman.net  
**Product:** Bicycle carries: roof/hitch/trunk  
**Regular Cost:** \$99 and up  
**Cost to Members:** Less 15%  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, E-Mail

**Company Name:** Tamer Suspension Seatposts  
**Contact Name:** Kevin Marek  
**Address:** 4231 Progressive Ave. #2  
 Lincoln NE 68504  
**Phone:** 800-297-4689  
**Fax:** 402-465-4534  
**E-Mail:** tamersusa@aol.com  
**Website:** www.tamersusa.com  
**Product:** Suspension Seatposts  
**Regular Cost:** \$109.95 - \$149.95  
**Cost to Members:** \$80.00 - \$80.00  
**Notes:** Pivoting & Telescoping Styles  
**Form of Payment:** C, DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Website

**Company Name:** Terry Precision Cycling  
**Contact Name:** Jackie Marchand  
**Address:** 1597 East Park Drive  
 Macedon NY 14502  
**Phone:** 800-289-8379  
**Fax:** 315-988-2104  
**E-Mail:** jackie@terrybicycles.com  
**Website:** www.terrybicycles.com  
**Product:** Bicycles, Apparel, Accessories, Seats  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** Wholesale prices on all goods  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** AX, C, CH, DC, D, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:** Phone, Fax, E-Mail, Mail, Website

**Company Name:** Thudbuster Seatposts  
**Contact Name:** Ryan McFarland  
**Address:** 424 E Chicago St  
 Rapid City, SD 57701  
**Phone:** 605-342-3232  
**Fax:** 605-342-3233  
**E-Mail:** ryan@thudbuster.com  
**Website:** www.thudbuster.com  
**Product:** Suspension Seatpost  
**Regular Cost:** \$159.00  
**Cost to Members:** \$99.00  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** MC, Visa  
**Ordering Options:**

**Company Name:** Wilderness Trail Bikes  
**Contact Name:** Travis Hart  
**Address:** 475 Miller Ave.  
 Mill Valley CA 94941  
**Phone:** 415-389-5040  
**Fax:** 415-389-5044  
**E-Mail:** www.whikes@pactell.net  
**Website:** www.wtb.com  
**Product:** Bike Frames, Tires, Saddles, Parts, and more  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** Wholesale to members  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** CK, DC, MC, V  
**Ordering Options:**

**Company Name:** ZAPWORLD.COM  
**Contact Name:** Bruce Hopfgardner  
**Address:** One Zap Driver 117 Morris Street  
 Sebastopol CA 95472  
**Phone:** 707-824-4150  
**Fax:** 707-824-4159  
**E-Mail:** bruce@zapworld.com  
**Website:** zapworld.com  
**Product:** Electric Power Assist Bikes, Systems, Patrol Bikes  
**Regular Cost:**  
**Cost to Members:** 5% off all ZAP products  
**Notes:**  
**Form of Payment:** AX, C, CH, D, DC, MC, PO, V  
**Ordering Options:**

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**Contact Name:** Ronnie Dowell  
**Address:** 12519 Wanda Lane  
 Magnolia TX 77354  
**Phone:** 800-527-1079  
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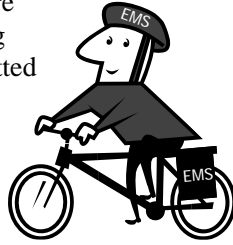
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# EMS Cycling is HOT!

Over 2500 EMS personnel came to Baltimore for the 19th Annual EMS Today Conference & Exposition – and IPMBA was there to greet them! With the assistance of IPMBA EMS Cyclists Chris Caisse and Scott Parrott of the Baltimore City Fire Department, we set up an attention-getting display consisting of two Trek bikes outfitted with panniers (donated to the Baltimore City FD by R&B Fabrications) filled with EMS equipment. IPMBA EMSCI's Jim Bowell (Troy OH), Neil Blackington (Boston MA), and Scott Paul (Lebanon PA) volunteered to staff the booth, spending hours expounding on the benefits of both EMS on bikes and the IPMBA EMS Bicycle Operations Course. They scarcely had time to collect swag, as there were always at least two – and usually more – interested persons checking out the bikes. By the end of three days, we had spoken with representatives from departments around the country, some with well-established bike teams and others which are just getting started.



We distributed over 50 copies of the EMS Bike Team Start-Up Information packets as well as numerous conference registration forms and newsletters. We even spoke with suppliers of medical equipment who are interested in moving into the EMS cycling market, and may display their wares at the IPMBA Conference. One vendor - Repro-Med - has already donated several Res-Q-Vac hand-held suction units for the EMS winners of the mountain bike competition. Overall, the Expo was a great experience. It only proved what IPMBA already knows - EMS Cycling is hot!

## IPMBA-Certified EMS Cyclists!

Just a reminder that EMS pins are now available! To order your pin, please send a check for \$5 (includes shipping and handling) to IPMBA, 28 E. Ostend St., Baltimore, MD 21230. Specify EMS.

## Keepin' Busy

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success the team would enjoy over the next several months, but keeping the team on track is an ongoing process.

"If I could offer three pieces of advice to new bike teams, they would be: join IPMBA, pick a distinctive uniform and don't overlook the small events," says Nick Gatlin, the team's director. "The most valuable thing we've done is get involved with IPMBA. Most of our direction and information was gained by our association with people we met through IPMBA."

The team's yellow and black combination of uniform colors is different than that of any other services in the area. This gives the team an immediate identity and high visibility.

As for the acceptance of the team by the public, Gatlin thinks small events are the key. Small events comprise about 25 percent of the team's activities. "We don't just ride the big festivals. We go to Little League baseball games, soccer tournaments, small community functions and the local parks; places we're not expected. In these small settings, we're not just part of the scenery. We're often the center of attention. That's the root of our public support, and public support is the name of the game."

Being a hospital-based service gives the team an advantage. As a part of the hospital's advertising campaign, the team has enjoyed a professionally produced promotional video, as well as television time secured by the hospital. Several

brochures featuring the bike team have also been produced. Promotional items for children are supplied by the hospital's Community Relations Department. Local businesses frequently donate items for giveaways as well.

Local newspapers, television and radio have also brought attention to the team, with several articles and news spots featuring the program. "We try to keep friends in the news media to help us promote the team's activities. We don't pester them, but we let them know that their contributions to the team's success are appreciated."



Of the eleven current active members, nine are IPMBA EMSC certified, and several prospective members are waiting for the next class this spring. All members are required to attend the IPMBA EMSC certification course within one year of joining the team.

All members are also expected to maintain current IPMBA membership. The only two IPMBA EMSC instructors in the state of Tennessee are on the Williamson County team, and another member is planning to attend the IPMBA Instructor Course at the Cincinnati conference.

*Editor's Note: the policies of the Williamson Medical Center EMS Bike Medic Program are included in the IPMBA EMS Bike Team Start-Up Information Packet. To request a copy, please call 410-685-2220 or email [ipmba@aol.com](mailto:ipmba@aol.com).*

**NEW FEATURE: BIKE UNITS ON THE WEB**

Welcome to the newest feature of *IPMBA News*! As the number of police and EMS bike units continues to increase, many agencies have developed websites as a means of providing information to the communities they serve. *Bike Units on the Web* will feature one of these many websites in each upcoming issue. This will be a unique opportunity for those units with websites to “show them off” as well as a source of ideas and inspiration for units without websites. It will also serve as a resource for departments with new, not-yet-formed, or already established bike units. If you would like to have your website featured in *IPMBA News*, please email your URL to [ipmbambb@aol.com](mailto:ipmbambb@aol.com). *Note: Due to space limitations, it will not be possible to feature all websites submitted. The editor reserves the right to select the sites that will appear in this column.*



**<http://info.ci.ftlaud.fl.us/police/bicycle.html>**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has been utilizing bicycle patrols since 1985. Today, there are 25 marked police bicycles, with 50 full-time and part-time uniformed officers actively participating citywide.

The formation of the bike patrol unit coincided with the City’s efforts for redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization, including the beach and downtown areas. Fort Lauderdale PD has taken the lead in South Florida with bicycle training. In April 1996, the bike patrol unit was successful in having the 32-hour IPMBA Police Cyclist Course approved as a State-Certified Specialized Course. The course is now taught at police training centers throughout Florida. The Fort Lauderdale Bicycle Patrol has also begun a Citizens Bike Patrol. The citizens patrol their neighborhoods on bicycles and perform crime watch functions.

Overall, the Fort Lauderdale Police Bicycle Patrol is making a tremendous impact in community policing and in general as a vital part of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department

If you would like to learn more about Fort Lauderdale’s bike unit, log onto <http://info.ci.ftlaud.fl.us/police/bicycle.html>.

**INVITATIONS TO RIDE**

**TEXAS MEMORIAL RIDE**

All officers from the state of Texas are invited to join their fellow brothers of the badge to ride in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Police Officers Memorial Bike Ride, May 17-18, 2001. *May 17, 2001:* Ride from San Antonio to Austin for the candlelight vigil at the Memorial Wall. *May 18, 2001:* Ride in a memorial procession to services at the capitol. Contact Officer Steve Bazany by e-mail: [sb0247@hotmail.com](mailto:sb0247@hotmail.com); phone: 210-207-7764; or fax: 210-271-9700.

**RIDE ACROSS GEORGIA**

The Bicycle Ride Across Georgia (BRAG), June 16 – 23, 2001, invites bicycling police officers to join the BRAG Security Team. We need you to help us courteously enforce our BRAG Safety Pledge (wear your helmet, single file in traffic, etc.) on the ride. We also need you to assist at any accidents, help us watch out for unregistered locals roaming through camp, and help enforce our Quiet Time at 10 p.m. If you will be an active member of our BRAG Security Team, we will refund your BRAG registration fee after the ride. You do not need to wear your uniform on the ride; however, if you agree to wear it every day on the ride, we will waive the registration fee in advance. For more information, contact Deputy Darrell Odom of the Clayton County Georgia Sheriff's Dept. at [Modo4459@aol.com](mailto:Modo4459@aol.com), or call BRAG HQ at 770-921-6166.




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## 2001 IPMBA Instructor Certification Courses

The locations for the 2001 series of IPMBA Instructor Certification Courses are listed below. The IPMBA Instructor Course is required of all current PC/EMSCIs who have not already taken the PCID, all PC/EMSCI Candidates, and all prospective instructors. Current instructors and candidates must complete the IPMBA Instructor Course by May 2002 in order to retain their certification. The Instructor Course will be held in the following locations:

- **Orlando, Florida:** February 16-20, 2001
- **Cincinnati, Ohio:** April 28-May 2, 2001  
(Police on Bikes Conference)
- **Boulder, Colorado:** June 18-22, 2001
- **Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota:** July 30-August 3, 2001
- **College Park, Maryland:** Dates TBD
- **Los Angeles, California:** August 6-10, 2001

Please visit [www.ipmba.org](http://www.ipmba.org) for date announcements and other information. If you would like to become an IPMBA instructor, please call 410-685-2220 or email [ipmba@aol.com](mailto:ipmba@aol.com) for information and an application.

**“T**he course was one of the most challenging and fun experiences that has ever come my way. I hope to see more challenges of this nature in my future.”  
— Patrick Coiner,  
Fort Benning, Georgia

## First Instructor Course of 2001 a Success!

Congratulations to the following individuals for successfully completing the IPMBA Instructor Course, conducted February 16-20, in Orlando, Florida.

**Richard Adair**, Osceola County Sheriff’s Office, Kissimmee FL; **Richard Bahret**, Pinellas Sheriff’s Office, Largo FL; **Kit Bryan**, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Orlando FL; **William Butters**, Virginia Commonwealth University PD, Richmond VA; **Anthony Chronister**, Univ. of Central Florida, Orlando FL; **Patrick Coiner**, Fort Benning Military Police, Ft. Benning GA; **J.J. Faro**, NAS Jacksonville Police Dept., Jacksonville FL; **Michael Hansen**, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, West Palm Beach FL; **Paul Hollingsworth**, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Orlando FL; **Chad McDaniel**, Seminole County Sheriff’s Office, Sanford FL; **Billy Muse**, University of Arkansas Police Dept., Jonesboro AR; **Rob Oleson**, Osceola County Sheriff’s Office, Kissimmee FL; **Ray Ruby**, Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office, West Palm Beach FL; **Michael Shimer**, Center Military Police Co., Ft. Bliss TX; **Ronald Smith, Jr.**, Virginia Commonwealth Univ., Richmond VA; **Richard Warren**, Greenacres Dept. of Public Safety, Greenacres FL; **Eddie Weems**, University of Arkansas Police Dept., Jonesboro AR; **Paul White**, University of Central Florida, Orlando FL; **Dan Wulick**, Lakewood Police Dept., Lakewood WA; **Darin Zaremba**, Medina City Police Dept., Medina OH.

## WANT TO BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR?

**W**ant to become an IPMBA-Certified Police Cyclist or EMS Cyclist Instructor? Call 410-685-2220 or e-mail [ipmba@aol.com](mailto:ipmba@aol.com) to obtain an instructor application packet. Simply stated, to become an Instructor, you must meet the criteria outlined in the packet, apply to IPMBA headquarters, be accepted, and attend one of the Instructor Courses offered around the country. We’d love to have you! Good luck!



**IPMBA**

**Yes, I'd like to join IPMBA.  
Membership is \$40.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- My check is enclosed.
- Please charge my credit card (below) (MC/Visa only)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Exp. \_\_\_/\_\_\_

**MAIL TO:**  
**IPMBA, 28 E Ostend St.**  
**Baltimore MD 21230**  
**If paying by credit card, you**  
**can fax this form to:**  
**410-685-2240**

- Benefits of membership include:*
- ⇒ Discounts to Annual Conference
  - ⇒ The informative and essential read: the *IPMBA News*
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The 2000 International Police Mountain Bike Association's Police Mountain Bike Survey was distributed to bike officers from around the country through three primary channels: the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual IPMBA Conference in Tucson, Arizona; the IPMBA listserve; and Police Cyclist courses held throughout the state of Michigan. 306 surveys were returned and tallied, with the following results.

**On duty, what combination of bike and patrol car do you take?**

*Patrol car and bicycle:* 55%

*Bicycle only:* 35%

*Other:* 5%

**If you take both a patrol car and a bike, which racking system do you use?**

*Trunk rack:* 48%

*Trailer hitch and bike rack:* 40%

*Other:* 12% (back of truck; back of seat of patrol car; trunk)

**Have you or anyone from your department experienced any intentional damage or theft of your bike or equipment?**

*No:* 79%

*Yes:* 21% (bikes were stolen while unattended; tires were flattened; quick releases opened; lights and rack bags stolen off bikes; computers stolen; brakes released, helmets stolen while on the bike; sunglasses stolen; bike repair stands stolen)

**Does your department provide bike patrol-specific firearms training?**

*No:* 74%

*Yes:* 26%

**Does your department provide bike specific defensive tactics training?**

*No:* 84%

*Yes:* 16%

**Does your bike patrol have an "off-season" (i.e.: winter, little or no riding)?**

*No:* 40%

*Yes:* 60% (on that off-season the top three activities to stay in shape were to jog/run, weights, and bike skills/stationary bike)

**Which injuries have you incurred during bike patrol training?**

*None:* 33%

*Scrapes & Bruises:* 46%

*Sprains, strains, muscle tears:* 15%

*Dislocations, fractures, other:* 6%

**Did the training injury result in time**

**lost from work?**

*Yes:* 64% lost five or fewer days; length of time ranged from one day to 11 months

**Have you ever been injured (other than assaulted) while on bike patrol duty?**

*No:* 80%

*Yes:* 20% (included: 49% minor crashes; 14% hit by a car; 37% miscellaneous injuries, including water on the knee, broken patella, broken arm, injured rotator cuff)

**Did the bike duty injury result in time lost from work?**

*No:* 57%

*Yes:* 42% (75% lost less than one week; length of time ranged from 1 day to 6 months)

**Have you experienced a foot injury due to improper footwear?**

*No:* 96%

*Yes:* 4%

**Have you ever unintentionally injured someone else while on bike patrol?**

*No:* 100%

**Are you familiar with any bike officers who died during bike training or while on bike patrol duty?**

*No:* 99%

*Yes:* 1%

**Are you aware of any incidents in which a bike officer was involved in a lethal force incident?**

*No:* 91%

*Yes:* 9%

**Is there a noticeable difference in morale between bike officers and road patrol officers in your department?**

*No:* 44%

*Yes:* 38% (75% reported that bike officers' morale was better. Descriptions of bike officers included: happier, more proud, more positive, more committed, more enthusiastic, better attitudes, more job satisfaction, more motivated, more willing to train, more outgoing, greater community awareness. 25% reported

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**M**edical Research Laboratories (MRL), is currently accepting grant applications for the LifeQuest, a combined monitor/defibrillator/AED. The MRL LifeQuest Automated External Defibrillator offers simplicity, reliability, and versatility, and at only 4.5 lbs., this compact and portable AED can be deployed by virtually anyone and easily transported. For more information and a grant application, contact Bill Smirles, MRL, 1000 Asbury Drive, Buffalo Grove IL 60089. 847-520-0300, ext. 133 or bsmirles@mrlinc.com.

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and ITT Industries Night Vision announce the 2001 Community Policing Awards. For more information or to nominate someone you know, contact IACP at 1-800-488-2848 ext. 4311 or visit [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org). Deadline: June 1, 2001.

## IN THE NEWS

### Community Policing Nearly Doubles in Two Years

The number of police departments using community policing nearly doubled from 1997 to 1999, a Justice Department report says. The report, released on February 25 by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, showed 64 percent of local departments in 1999 had police patrolling neighborhoods on foot or bicycle or had programs to work with local groups to address crime. That was nearly double the number in 1997, when 34 percent of all departments had community policing. Visit [www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov) for the full report.

## The Results are In

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resentment by road patrol officers toward bike officers.)

### Has your bike patrol program experienced any form of stagnation or disinterest?

No: 62%

Yes: 38% (administration no longer supports bike patrol; manpower shortages; budget crunches; lack of interest in riding among bike officers)

### Does your department keep statistics that compare bike patrol activity to road patrol such as arrest, tickets or enforcement?

No: 75%

Yes: 25%

### Has your bike patrol experienced any issues or situations unique to your area?

Yes: winter riding, seasonal Christmas riding in shopping areas, hazard pay, pre-screening, patrolling dorm areas, state troopers on bikes, enforcing hunting and fishing law on bikes, working organized protests such as KKK rally, crowd control, undercover and plainclothes surveillance.

## LISTSERVE

### Got E-Mail?

**I**nstructors and members: if you have not already joined one of IPMBA's online discussion groups, do so today by e-mailing [tinman@tulane.edu](mailto:tinman@tulane.edu). There are two separate listserves, one for IPMBA Instructors and one for IPMBA Members. Please indicate which you would like to join. Instructors are encouraged to join both. To sign on to IPMBA's "Announce only" list serve, visit [www.ipmba.org](http://www.ipmba.org) and enter your e-mail into the "Listbot Box."

## HOSTS WANTED

### Interested in Hosting a Future IPMBA Conference?

IPMBA is currently seeking locations for the Annual Police on Bikes Conference, starting in 2003. For a set of conference specifications, call 410-685-2220 or e-mail [ipmbambb@aol.com](mailto:ipmbambb@aol.com)

## BOARD POSITION DEFINED

**A**t a recent board meeting in Cincinnati, the board position of EMS Coordinator was more clearly defined. *The EMS Coordinator, in addition to fulfilling the normal duties and responsibilities of a board member, shall be a direct representative for the EMS professionals in the organization. The coordinator shall assist the Education Director in ensuring the EMSC Course is kept current and is the most comprehensive course available; shall actively pursue ideas to expand the EMS component of IPMBA and nurture IPMBA's relationship with the emergency medical service community; and shall perform all duties assigned by the President of the Governing Board.*

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 Maintenance Officer Course: 5/5 – 5/8, '02

**The Conference: May 9 – 11, 2002**

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