



## “Can WE count on you...?”

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With Spring in bloom and temps rising, I can believe that you, like me, are chomping at the bit to get out on the road (on the road more, maybe... as I hope you have already been out).

Of course this is a great time to take care of getting your equipment and yourself physically ready for when riding season starts. That in mind, I want to cover an aspect of our riding season we wish to never experience, but when we do, the actions of EVERYONE involved (including you) can be critical in all our safety, so the more we ALL review and plan for when taking action in an accident scene is needed, the more able we will be.

I'm talking about Accident Scene Management as we train in the Top Cats G.R.A.S.S. class.

G.R.A.S.S. is a great safety program that WE, as members, have a great advantage to getting the most out of, because WE develop, manage and train this program several times per year and your attendance as often as possible can help to make us all safer. In addition, your feedback could help to reshape and improve the way we train and manage an accident scene in the future.

Unlike other modules in our G.R.A.S.S. presentation, which are also very important, Accident Scene Management is vital to performing the best we can at a critical time.

When presenting/teaching we add levity to the G.R.A.S.S. presentation saying that YOU should make sure YOU have an adequately stocked and up to date first-aid kit on your bike, as that is the kit we will use to treat you. This really is likely true, as your first-aid kit would likely be the closest to you when YOU need it. I have a first-aid decal on my right side saddle bag to indicate where my first-aid kit is, hoping that whomever can help me can find it quickly. I also have other emergency supplies in this saddlebag, like road lights, glow sticks, vinyl gloves, heat packs, cold packs, emergency blankets, and more... This may be a future Kaution Korner article topic...

Second most important to having a first-aid kit at the ready is that the person who could help you when you are in need, being capable of using this equipment and also helping to support or manage an active accident scene until first responders arrive. I need to be prepared to help you so I train in Accident Scene Management, CPR and first-aid often and I would expect and appreciate the same from you, at least to some level. This is one reason why ALL members attending G.R.A.S.S. class as often as possible is so vital to keeping our group safe and being prepared should we need to take action.

Understandably, not everyone is capable or comfortable enough to rush to provide first-aid, and that's OK. But, there is so much more to providing help, which you can discover when attending G.R.A.S.S. Even if you discover you can volunteer to call 911 as others attend to someone in need or you understand traffic control and can arrange and coordinate traffic control points to keep the scene safe from speeding traffic, or even help to help guide others in the group away from the scene. Attending G.R.A.S.S. will provide you at the very least, a level of understanding what will happen, so when you see it happening, you know how to react which in itself can be a great benefit. All it takes is a bit of your time to make this all possible and keep you and our Top Cat family safer.

Unfortunately we have had instances where we have had to use this training and in all I have been part of, I could see how this training has had a huge benefit and made what could have been a worse very manageable.

Here are the slide from our GRASS presentation. This is only a “bite” of all the information that is provided when you attend.



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**GROUP RIDING AND SAFETY SEMINAR**

**Top Cats' Accident Scene Response**

- > Respond to Victims
- > Organize the Scene for Safe, Calm Area
  - > First Aid
  - > Traffic Control
  - > Crowd Control
- > Manage the Scene
- > Post - Accident Activities



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**Respond to Victims**

- > Victims First priority. **CALL 911**
- > Stay Calm, Keep Victim & Scene Calm
- > CPR, First Aid, EMT Medical Personnel attend to Victims
- > Or, Perform 1<sup>st</sup> Aid
  - > Clear the Airway
  - > Stop the Bleeding
  - > Protect the Wounds
  - > Treat for Shock
- > Helmet On / Off?
- > Find NOK Card, Meds, Allergies, Alerts
- > Pass all Info to Medics





### **Organize The Scene**

- > **Make it Safe**
- > **Preserve the Scene**
- > **Aggressively Control Traffic Both Directions**
- > **Send Away Unnecessary Personnel**
- > **Illuminate at Night or Inclement Weather**



### **Manage The Scene**

- > **Verify 911 - Call and Location**
- > **Clear the road for Emergency Vehicles**
- > **Identify Witnesses**
- > **Secure Personal belongings**
- > **Meet / Brief Police**
- > **Determine Bike Evac Location**
- > **Key Contact information**



### **Post - Accident Activities**

- > **Determine Injuries**
- > **Determine Hospital**
- > **Designate Escort to Hospital**
- > **Determine Police Contact**
- > **Determine Citations**
- > **Get All Accident Information**
- > **Check Safety of Motorcycle**
- > **Notify NOK**
- > **Designate Club Sponsor**
- > **Rejoin Group - Update Group**

