



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Motor Deputies Complete Annual Recertification Training**

During the week of April 15, 2013 the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit completed its annual recertification training at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. The Sheriff's Office currently has four (4) certified motorcycle officers assigned part-time to the Traffic Safety Unit. A fifth motor officer will participate in a law enforcement basic motorcycle training program beginning May 6, 2013.

Motor Officers must satisfactorily complete an approved eighty (80) hour basic training program in motorcycle operations. Thereafter, forty (40) hours of motorcycle operation in-service must be satisfactorily completed annually to maintain certification.

Motor Officers must master and maintain extensive knowledge and expertise in motorcycle machine nomenclature, slow speed maneuvering, control, braking, curve negotiation, motorcycle maintenance, defensive driving and other law enforcement operating techniques.

The Sheriff's Office motorcycles are primarily used for traffic control, speed enforcement, and community watch initiatives; however, the motorcycles may be used for other assignments, as needed and approved by the Sheriff.

The Sheriff's Office wishes to thank the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department for the use of their facility to conduct our annual training.

For more information on the Sheriff's Office Motor Unit or traffic safety contact the Traffic Safety Unit at 301-475-4200 extension 9041.

