

# Service Member Partial Disability Motorcycle Mishap



## Activity

A 21 year old Petty Officer Third Class stationed overseas was riding his motorcycle to command PT in the westbound lane of a base access road when his motorcycle collided with a Local National's PMV in the vicinity of a major intersection. Service member had the right of way along the straight road when the Local National crossed into the service member's lane while making a left turn from the eastbound lane. The service member was fully outfitted in personal protective equipment, completed and was up to date on all required safety training, held a valid operators license, but was riding his motorcycle 20 – 25 mph above the posted speed limit, as alleged by local police from incident scene evidence.



## Teaching Points for ALL vehicle and motorcycle operators

- Understand, practice, and exercise the continuous thought process of Time Critical Risk Management during vehicle operation to **anticipate what could go wrong** and **what can be done to minimize the hazard** in the given environment
- Maintain awareness of environmental conditions and their influence on visibility, ability to be seen, and ability to react
- Full torso high visibility vests (fluorescent orange/yellow) offer better ability for motorcyclists to be seen; reflective material is ineffective when light source is from behind
- Identify vehicle and motorcycle operators at high risk and develop an individual plan tailored to developing their skills