

PRESS RELEASE

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The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, which has supported the Cyprus Road Safety Campaign for many years, is pleased to introduce an exciting new approach to help improve motorcycling in Cyprus.

RoSPA is introducing its advanced motorcycle training and development to Cyprus through the launch of a local group in the RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders (RoADAR) network.

Riders will be given the opportunity of learning how to ride safer using techniques taught to police standards. They will be able to learn a proven system to follow while riding that will keep them safe without losing the fun and freedom of motorcycling.

The new group would also like to hear from drivers interested in receiving advanced training.

Cyprus is the first place outside of the British Isles to launch a RoADAR group.

The group has been established by former UK traffic police officers Gwyn Pritchard and Steve Tucker, both of whom have been appointed as RoSPA motorcycling examiners.

Gwyn Pritchard said: “The number of fatalities on the roads is worrying. Working together with riders, as well as drivers, we can make roads safer. All it takes is a determination to make things better.

“RoSPA training is free, so it presents a wonderful opportunity to riders.

“In addition to setting up the RoADAR group, we are also asking the Cyprus Police to help by developing the police’s BikeSafe concept in conjunction with RoSPA.”

Steve Tucker added: “We need to bring in a system that will be continued by people in Cyprus long after we are gone. The RoSPA way will make that happen, we just need everyone to join in.”

Bob Smalley, RoSPA’s chief driving examiner, said: “This is a great opportunity to support making roads safer and more enjoyable for riders in Cyprus. We are delighted to be able to bring RoADAR to Cyprus using the expert services of our examiners Gwyn and Steve. All riders are welcome to join the group and we hope many will get involved.”

There will be regular meetings where riders will receive free training from Gwyn and Steve. Following initial lectures, group members will then take to the roads with Gwyn, Steve and other ex UK Traffic Police for training rides. They will be given helpful suggestions on how to be safe, giving them greater confidence on the road.

Following training and development, riders will be encouraged to take the RoSPA Advanced Motorcycling Test – the pinnacle in civilian riding – which is graded at gold, silver and bronze levels. There is a small fee for the test.

Ultimately, it is hoped that motorcyclists in Cyprus will reach a teaching level, enabling them able to promote safety and train others to reach advanced standard.

More information about RoADAR is available at
www.roadar.org

For more information about the new RoADAR group in Cyprus, please email your details to Gwynpritchard@mac.com or call Gwyn on 97732724 or Steve on 97727635.

Let's make Cyprus 'Bike Safe'

