



Georgia Bicycle Law Enforcement Pocket Guide

New bicycle traffic and crash guide for law officers now available

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GEORGIA BIKES! announced today the release of the Georgia Bicycle Law Enforcement Pocket Guide. This guide, the first of its kind for Georgia, provides a ready reference about traffic laws and safety standards for law enforcement officers and others who are faced with the task of enforcing traffic laws or investigating crashes that involve cyclists.

Bob Dallas, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety says that, "Too often, neither motorists, law enforcement, nor cyclists themselves, know exactly what the law says about cycling. This pocket guide spells out very clearly and concisely what cyclists rights and responsibilities are and underscores the facts that bicycles are legal vehicles and that cyclists are the more vulnerable party in crashes with motor vehicles." GEORGIA BIKES! Executive Director David Crites says that, "In speaking with members of Georgia's law enforcement community, it became clear that there are not sufficient Georgia, bicycling-centric, training and reference materials available to law enforcement officers. We developed this guide to help fill that void." Toward that goal, the guide was prepared with the review and input of the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Crites adds that, "We are very pleased to be able to partner with transportation and law enforcement officials in this effort."

Copies of the guide will be available, free of charge, to police and sheriff's departments throughout the state as well as to the general public. The Georgia Public Safety Training Center is already planning to use the guide in its Basic and Police Cyclists training programs.

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GEORGIA BIKES! is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) organization that works to improve bicycling conditions and promote bicycling throughout the state of Georgia. Requests from law enforcement agencies for copies of the guide or for further information should be directed to GEORGIA BIKES! (GeorgiaBikesHQ@GeorgiaBikes.org, P.O. Box 49755, Atlanta, GA 30359, 404-634-6745) Single copies can be mailed to those individuals sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The guide can also be downloaded at www.GeorgiaBikes.org.