



**SOUTHEASTERN MINNESOTA  
POLICE & PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

**1st Annual Motorcycle Ride**

June 21, 2002

Date: Friday, June 21, 2002 - 9am - 5pm  
Location: Rochester to Waukon, IA to La Crosse, WI and back to Rochester  
Attendees: 26  
Organizers: Ken Wickelgren / Rob Studer - Olmsted County Sheriff's Office

Well, it was the 1st Annual SEMPPOA Motorcycle Ride. All the planning in the world could not predict that it would be one of the wettest days. We had approximately 50 riders signed up before hand. With the way the weather was, there were 26 true diehards riders that showed up. After a small rain delay we got on the road by 9:45 am to only be greeted down the road by more rain.

We met up with some more riders at Highway 76 and I-90. We headed south through the beautifully countryside into Caledonia where we made our first pit stop. We were greeted by the warm sunshine of the first day of summer. Rain suits were put away and those wet frowns turned into wide smiles of summer sun. We proceeded to Waukon, IA where we made the first HD store stop. After a long ride in the vehicle, Deanna Tompkins got to pick up her wheels and where some had to buy those HD items they had been dreaming of all morning. After all that, we went to Gus & Tony's for lunch and door prize give a ways.

After lunch some riders had to turn around and go back so they could go to work. The rest of us went east and cross the mighty muddy Mississippi river and then up to La Crosse and on to Winona for the second HD store stop.

At this point, we had to head back to Rochester. We didn't need the chase vehicle for those unexpected troubles.

We would like to THANK a few people for making this possible:

- Rob Studer and Ken Wickelgren for organizing the ride.
- Ken Wickelgren for the use of his vehicle to pull the trailer that was donated for the day by Bob Schei.
- Gary Schroeder for driving the chase vehicle.
- SEMPPOA for providing the refreshment and snacks.

There were riders from the following agencies:

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| ▪ Albert Lea PD      | ▪ La Crescent PD               |
| ▪ Dodge County SO    | ▪ Mankato PS Olmsted County SO |
| ▪ Freeborn County SO | ▪ Rochester PD                 |
| ▪ Houston SO         | ▪ Savage PD                    |

To our special guests from the Rochester Fire Department. Stay tune...for a fall ride is being planned!