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Emerald Coast Motorcycle Challenge Seeks to Improve Motorcyclist Skills and Help Child Abuse Victims

Niceville, Fla. : The Emerald Coast Motorcycle Challenge Rodeo and Skills Training is scheduled for March 28- 30 at Choctaw High School on Racetrack Road in Ft. Walton Beach.

Hosted by the Emerald Coat Blue Knights FL XXV, the Rodeo features various motorcycle challenges that test a rider's skill and ability. Prizes will be awarded to the best riders. The competition is open to all motorcyclists. Divisions will include Motor Officer, Civilian Expert, Civilian Novice and a Special Open Class for 600-999 motorcycles.

Skills training will be provided as a public service event to promote motorcycle safety and the benefits of motorcycle training. With training and practice civilian riders can reach the same level of skill and proficiency as motor law enforcement officers. This skills training is an effort to produce safer motorcycle riders on the highway.

March 28 will be a practice day with the competition taking place March 29-30. The registration fee is \$40.00 per competitor with proceeds benefitting the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center. The Center helps save and heal child abuse victims in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. In 2012, the Center served 729 children.
(www.eccac.org)

A special hotel rate is available at Cayo Grande. Call 850-862-7540 to reserve your room. More details and registration for the event can be found at www.blueknightsflxxv.com/ECMC.

About the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center

The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center (ECCAC) provides services to help identify, treat and support children in abusive situations. The organization helps prevent child abuse through education, protects child victims from future abuse, and provides resources to restore the lives of the child and the child's family. The Center is a non-profit organization located in Niceville, Fla. It serves Okaloosa and Walton counties and houses representatives from the Florida Department of Children and Families, Child Protection Team, State Attorney's Office, local law enforcement, and licensed mental health counselors. For more information or to support the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center please visit <http://www.eccac.org>. If you suspect abuse, call the Florida Abuse Hotline 1-800-96-ABUSE.



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