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The UI Police Department recently acquired two Victory Police Motorcycles for use on the Iowa City campus.

In the spirit of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, we at Allstate Rider News wanted to highlight a particular motorcycle with features that offer a safe riding experience. We recently came across this story from the University of Iowa police department choosing Victory as their official motorcycle.

UI Police recently became the first Iowa department to use Victory Police Motorcycles, which are becoming the motorcycle of choice for a rapidly expanding number of agencies across North America.

The VPM Commander I and Commander II models are based on two extremely popular Victory Baggers, the Cross Country and the Cross Roads Classic, respectively.



UI Police Captain Loren Noska told the Victory Buzz that the Victory Police Motorcycles were so impressive when compared to other available bikes that the choice was clear for the department.

“When I focused on the features of the bikes like rider safety, rider ergonomics, ease of maintenance, maintenance costs, saddlebag storage, etc., the Victory Police Motorcycle rose to the top of the list. And the integrated tip-over protection and standard five-year warranty were simply icing on the cake.”

Capt. Noska said that during training with the VPM staff in Arizona, the Victory models demonstrated their superior comfort, safety and durability in real-world situations.

“While in Tucson, UIPD Lt. Jess Bernhard and I had the opportunity to visit the University of Arizona Police Department, where we met one of their motor officers, Mike Smith. After a tour of their department, we started looking at their other motorcycles and comparing them to the Victory.”

“We were explaining Victory’s integrated tip-over protection, saddlebag storage, dual batteries and charging system before moving to an empty parking lot on campus. As we arrived in the empty parking lot, Lt. Bernhard was making a slow left turn and hit a patch of fine loose asphalt – the only such spot in the parking lot and invisible to the eye.

“The rear of his Victory bike slid out and the tip-over protection kept the bike from going all the way to the ground, the large floorboards kept him from getting hurt and the training we had just received kept him from putting his foot down to catch the bike.”

UA Officer Smith stated he would have never believed it if he didn’t see it for himself. Officer Smith also commented after the fact that had the same thing happened to him, he would have probably gotten hurt and damaged his other bike.

Do you ride a Victory Motorcycle? Tell us about it.

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