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Daytona Beach Police Department Makes the Switch. Will Use Victory Police Motorcycles Starting This Fall.

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When you will arrive in Daytona for this upcoming Biketoberfest, the Daytona Beach Police Department will be patrolling on Victory® Motorcycles. The Daytona Beach City Commission voted unanimously in May to support the recommendation of Police Chief Michael Chitwood and approve the switch to [Victory Police Motorcycles](#) starting Oct. 1, 2014. The police department's motor officers will be patrolling on a fleet of 12 Commander I VPM models, which are based on the Victory ""Cross Country"" model. October 1st is the date at which the current lease to use Harley-Davidson motorcycles is expiring.



The department is switching to [Victory Police Motorcycles](#) after every other year our agency ordered new motorcycles, and we were at the mercy of whatever new advances were made to the bike itself, which usually wasn't much," said highly decorated DBPD Traffic Unit Officer Jason Kilker. "By contrast, Victory Police Motorcycles provided a two-page checklist of law enforcement-only options that were available for our officers to select what suited them best. These options included, but were not limited to, full-size AR-15 rifle racks, heated grips, and a mind-blowing LED light package that no one can match."



The Daytona Beach Police Department (DBPD) will lease a fleet of 12 Commander I models, each of which equipped with LED lights, a radio box, and a siren, and they will feature the department's striking custom paint scheme and famous logo. Volusia Motorsports, the Victory dealership in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, will provide service and regular maintenance for the fleet.

[Victory Police Motorcycles](#) is a Tucson, Arizona-based company that acquires motorcycles from Victory and equips them to suit the specific needs of individual agencies. The VPM staff typically equips a Victory Cross Country, Cross Roads, or Victory Vision with equipment such as lights, radio, and siren, a secondary battery to power that electronic equipment, and custom paint that features the agency's logo. Additional accessories can include tip-over protection, a skid plate, firearms and radar gun holsters, alternate windshield styles, and more. Because every Victory Motorcycle delivers industry-leading power, braking, and handling, VPM does not need to make any performance or handling modifications to the motorcycles it provides to law enforcement agencies.

"Victory Police Motorcycles focuses exclusively on the law enforcement industry with officer safety being Priority One," said Victory Police Motorcycles CEO Nita Buckner. "Our continual introduction of new safety enhancements is a testament to this commitment to safety." A growing number of law enforcement agencies across the United States and Canada are switching to Victory Police Motorcycles because of the motorcycles' performance, reliability, and long-riding comfort. American-made Victory Motorcycles deliver an unmatched combination of power, maneuverability, cargo capacity, low maintenance costs, and ergonomics that suit officers spending long hours on the job.

We admire the great work of the Daytona Beach Police Department and are excited that they will soon enjoy the numerous competitive advantages the Victory Motorcycles provide," said Steve Menneto, [VP Motorcycles for Polaris](#). "It's rewarding to have such a world-class department choose Victory Police Motorcycles."

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Big loss for Rossmeyer’s H-D.
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Nothing better to increase a brand credibility.
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Majkes sense. Harley tourings are an electronic nightmare. Keep it simple Victory.
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I can’t believe it! The home of the worlds largest bike week which means the worlds largest gathering of Harley Davidsons. How embarrassing!
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A wise old businessman once told me “If you don’t take care of the CUSTOMER, someone else will”
7. [7 Matt W. Jun 21st, 2014 at 9:54 am](#)
Pretty impressive options on their website. Will definitely be adding a Stealth Commander 1 with M4 rifle rack and bullet shield to my X-mas list this year! 😊
8. [8 Seymour Jun 21st, 2014 at 10:15 am](#)
P. Bradshaw what don’t you understand?
9. [9 Toby Jun 21st, 2014 at 10:17 am](#)
Police leases have always been a slightly above break-even proposition. It is more of a PR issue for Harley and the dealers. At least the DBPD is sticking with an American made vehicle. I was surprised that so many cash strapped PDs stuck with Harley after the CHiPs started leasing Suzzies in the 80’s (BMW now). Competition is good.
10. [10 Woody Jun 21st, 2014 at 10:18 am](#)
Good example of products improving from competition, but a little unfair to compare the “options” of a factory bike to a private company modifying a different brand. Is this an opportunity for a “Victory Police Motorcycles.” kind of company to do the same with Harley bikes, or would that be good money after bad? 😊

11. [11 Gary Princeton Jun 21st, 2014 at 10:32 am](#)

Congrats Victory. If it's better for PD's, it's better for retail customers.

12. [12 fuji Jun 21st, 2014 at 10:59 am](#)

Hey Jeff your stock just went up again.

13. [13 Jeffrey Brand Jun 21st, 2014 at 10:59 am](#)

Wow. A slap at Harley.

14. [14 Mike Jun 21st, 2014 at 1:32 pm](#)

Wow. Very sharp bikes. Anyone who says that is not a nice looking police bike is in denial.

15. [15 Push Rod Jun 21st, 2014 at 1:57 pm](#)

Great for Victory's image. Next they will ride an Indian Chieftain?

16. [16 Mike Alfonso Jun 21st, 2014 at 1:59 pm](#)

How come Harley can lose such a client in Daytona? Victory Bike Week?

17. [17 fuji Jun 21st, 2014 at 5:21 pm](#)

I don't believe there was any love to loose between Rossmeyer's H-D and The City of Daytona. Ongoing for years. One of the reasons Destination Daytona exist.

18. [18 fuji Jun 21st, 2014 at 5:25 pm](#)

At this point they [Rossmeyer] have only lost the sale of 12 bikes.

19. [19 B. D. Howard Jun 21st, 2014 at 7:06 pm](#)

CHiPs bikes were Kawasakis. They were the first to jump in on what had previously been Harley's prestigious police bike sales. Today BMWs are used by many PDs.

I have no idea how BRP's various divisions (including both Victory and Indian) will play out in this competition, obvious Indian has not yet jumped into this or any other market, they are just now getting off the ground, but Harley, with its antique bike design, knows that they will have to change eventually to remain profitable.

Back in the 1920's and 30's, most every bike made had a separate engine and transmission that was connected by a primary chain (that must remain adjusted to avoid dreaded driveline slop). Now, no bikes do that except Harley – it's an outmoded way of doing things. Back then, almost every bike was a long-stroke V-twin with pushrods and they all sounded very much the same. But Harley, the only bike that still uses such a design, has been successful in perpetuating the myth that 'that's what motorcycles are supposed to sound like'. They have avoided competition with other manufacturers by selling 'tradition'.

Of course, Harley has sold or leased these bikes to PDs for very little to keep this market theirs, but surely every one of these newer designs (Victory, BMWs, etc.) that are offered to the police will prove to be better performing and more reliable than H-D's.

The V Rod is not going to save H-D and neither is this new electric bike with its fifty mile range. H-D has known for decades that a new design is needed. Remember the Nova project? Then the V Rod? Now the 'Street 750 and 500'?

What they need to do is to somehow redesign the Big Twin, bringing it a more modern tech design, while still making a bike that appeals to their core market. And that's a lot to ask.

20. [20 Jeff Nicklus Jun 21st, 2014 at 8:07 pm](#)

fugi,

12 bikes won't make a big impact on the stock prices.....then again the increase in sales month after month after month sure makes that investment better and better!

Over & Out,

Jeff

21. [21 LoneRider Jun 21st, 2014 at 9:41 pm](#)

Sad very sad! Even though 12 bike overall isn't the end of the world it is sad HD lost out on this.

22. [22 Robert Pandya Jun 22nd, 2014 at 12:05 am](#)

B.D. – Victory Motorcycles and Indian Motorcycle are both owned by Polaris industries, not Bombardier recreational product's. Bombardier is a French Canadian company that owns the Can-Am brand. Polaris industries is located in Medina Minnesota, with both brands built in Spirit Lake Iowa. Polaris is in no way connected to BRP.

23. [23 JackS Jun 22nd, 2014 at 5:19 am](#)

Finally, a Victory design that I like.

24. [24 Zipper Jun 22nd, 2014 at 7:07 am](#)

Nice to see Americans have choices for US built bikes. ..Z

25. [25 Cantrell Jun 22nd, 2014 at 8:12 am](#)

No different then department issued service pistols. All weapons manufactures submit pistols for evaluation and choices are made. Usually the winner of that competition takes in service weapons on trade as part of the deal. They then sell used pistols to private companies that resell them to dealers. Most times the new replacement guns are at almost cost but the publicity is great. A win win for everybody. I'm glad that there are choices and the local tax payers should be too. Just my .02 cents.

Cantrell

26. [26 Mike Alfonso Jun 22nd, 2014 at 8:14 am](#)

As a matter of fact the Victory police bikes look better than the PD Harleys.

27. [27 BobS Jun 22nd, 2014 at 8:18 am](#)

JackS you are aware that the Cross Country has been out for 5 years now? They do make a nice police bike, but unless I can buy a used one with the AR-15 rack still installed...

28. [28 Cochise Jun 22nd, 2014 at 11:49 am](#)

Funded in part by the harassment and fines of the poor and homeless.

29. [29 James Lagnese Jun 22nd, 2014 at 3:04 pm](#)

If you look at the LASD and Michigan State Police testing, neither the HD nor the Victory come out on top.

Decisions like this are political.

30. [30 Bob Jun 22nd, 2014 at 3:40 pm](#)

But there isn't even a victory dealer in daytona they just shut it down at bike week

31. [31 Bud Jun 23rd, 2014 at 7:26 am](#)

The closest Victory dealer is about 20 minutes away in New Smyrna Beach. Congrats Andy, if you got that sale and service contract.

32. [32 BCinSoCal Jun 23rd, 2014 at 8:45 am](#)

Cochise, probably not, the poor and homeless are poor and homeless, not fine payers.

33. [33 takehikes Jun 23rd, 2014 at 9:09 am](#)

I saw a CHip on an HD the other day and I was stunned. So this doesnt surprise me at all. Hell of a better option than what they have been running.

34. [34 Hark Jun 23rd, 2014 at 9:44 am](#)

Daytona... Wow! I live about 60 miles away...the only reason I even take the time to go to Bike Week is to see all the displays at the speedway...Main Street is a joke...the city really does not want bikers...way to many stinking rules! Nothing about the Daytona Police would surprise me...let them ride a second rate bike.

35. [35 X H-D Rider Jun 23rd, 2014 at 9:57 am](#)

Victory use one oil for every thing and you can change it in twenty minuets with no mess.
Victory has more torque then h-d. For \$1500 bucks you can give any Vic a hundred horse with over a hundred foot pounds of torque
You can put a extra battery in one saddle bag and have plenty of room left over for what ever ells.
Vic has a longer wheel base for a smother ride.

36. [36 JackS Jun 23rd, 2014 at 10:22 am](#)

BobS, yes, I am fully aware that the Cross Country has been out for quite some time—I rode one a few years back. Just like the police look. Maybe it's the square battery and radio packs. Don't know. Anyway, will stick to my Street Glide Special.

37. [37 Ron Martin Jun 23rd, 2014 at 1:45 pm](#)

See how they hold up in the long run !

38. [38 1550tc Jun 23rd, 2014 at 9:29 pm](#)

they probably got bad memories of this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gmw6QppXnEY>

39. [39 Boots Jun 23rd, 2014 at 10:57 pm](#)

They'll be back to HD sooner or later!

40. [40 morpion Jun 24th, 2014 at 6:48 pm](#)

BOOTS,,you,re right,,,,,,,,,

41. [41](#) morpion [Jun 24th, 2014 at 6:50 pm](#)

it,s a contract with lots of gifts from polaris,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

42. [42](#) Glenn [Jun 24th, 2014 at 6:53 pm](#)

Morpion. If you know, tell us. Or you just want to appear like an insider to boost your ego?

43. [43](#) Blackmax [Jun 24th, 2014 at 7:13 pm](#)

I got into an argument with a Cincinnati Police Motor Officer on the merits of a Victory vs. a H-D Police bike. (They ride H-D's...) He kept throwing stats at me & i asked him "Have you ever ridden one"?
Nope....
Go ride one & then come back & talk to me as I have ridden them both.....
My \$\$\$\$ will speak my opinion for me
The next bike I buy is a Vic Cross Country Tour
Too bad I can't buy the AR-15 equipment rack !!!!

44. [44](#) BobS [Jun 24th, 2014 at 7:33 pm](#)

Too many of us have already tried to beat the crap out of Victory...and they keep on running. We already know how they hold up in the long run. Say what you will about the styling, say what you will about the fit and finish, but there's no denying the motor is the best in the biz. I do hope that the Daytona PD will be back on HD sooner or later, but...I already know it won't be because they are disappointed in Victory. My hope is that sooner or later HD rises to the challenge and builds a better bike. Rushmore was a noble effort but still falls short. If their next effort succeeds then we all win.

45. [45](#) GordonR [Jun 26th, 2014 at 7:37 pm](#)

Boots, That will happen only when HD wakes the f*** up and makes a decent reliable bike. BobS you are right. I voted with my feet over a year ago and traded my '11 FLTRU for a '13 Vision. There is no denying how well the 106/6 performs and for small money I am considering turning my Victory into a Goldwing killer. Drop in cams, a fuel tuner and an after market air filter is all it takes, but it sure helps to have the right dyno guy do the tuning. I have read about the Rushmore project and if I was still riding an HD I would be very disappointed. They give you minor improvements that really mean nothing but cost big bucks. As I understand ti the water cooled heads have also been having troubles with losing coolant so that is a negative, not a positive. Wake up HD. You have the engineering resources to really improve your bikes so that people will want to call a move to HD a real performance upgrade but you are wallowing in "tradition".

46. [46](#) cook06vegas [Jun 30th, 2014 at 10:44 am](#)

I read above; "let them ride a second rate bike". If you think Victory is second rate to HD, you truly have no idea what you're talking about or are just in complete denial....

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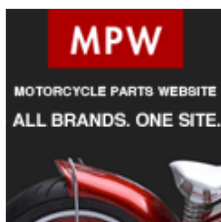
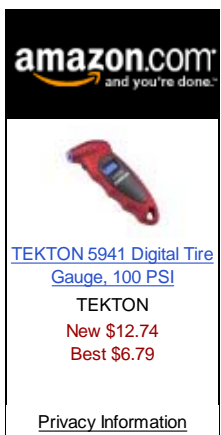
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