

## Training Testimonial for VPM

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These past two weeks at the Victory Police Motor school have demonstrated that Victory not only stands behind their product, but demonstrated why this product is the best in the industry. I witnessed a dedication to the product and customers which is unsurpassed.

We started on Monday April 21 with our motorcycles being issued to us. This is in and of itself is beneficial as it allowed us to use the equipment and gain "time in saddle". This simple act allowed me to become very familiar with the very good qualities of the Victory Motorcycle. During the two week school I put over 1200 miles on the bike.

The daily school was one which was not compromised in quality and learning experiences. Our instructor Officer Kenny Vaughn (ret) has over 28 years of motor experience. He provided the handling and technique training for this bike, and with his history he provided police tactics training which can only be obtained from his experience. Kenny's instructional techniques are, as with this school, exceptional. He never raised his voice, became critical or in any way demonstrated a negative presentation. Kenny was always smiling and providing encouragement. He never gave up even though I thought I would. He also broke the class up into "cone" work and over the road riding. This allowed for a mental break from the work of course riding. This type of riding was continually interlaced with training from Kenny as he would talk to us about riding techniques and tactics each time we came to a stop for a light or when we had a meal. Kenny made it a "total" training event. Kenny continually created situations which we may see in our jurisdiction. Examples of which are off road, multiply road surfaces, large event patrols, different obstacles', and even going up and down stairwells. I have never heard of any other manufacturing doing this type of training with a motorcycle.

Some other qualities of this school were the afternoons in which we covered electrical, maintenance and service aspects of the bikes. Your staff of mechanics and engineers were always prepared and well versed in their presentations for the day. I was also impressed with the hands-on portions of instruction. We did the oil change, bike service checks and we were even able to replace a clutch on one of the bikes. (yes the school bikes are abused) yet they performed flawlessly. I was also impressed with the public reception of the bike. Kenny mentioned that there would be days which would be filled with questions from the citizens with an interest for the bike. This did occur numerous times during our training time in Tucson.

In conclusion, I cannot praise the school enough, especially Kenny who has a deep love for the art of being a police motor officer. With completing this school, I feel a confidence to start performing the job of motor officer. I will recommend to my chief that all officers who need to attend motor school come to Tucson to the Victory School.

When the time to perform arrives, the time to prepare has ended.