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Subject: Victory Review

My name is Officer Weston Cook and I'm employed with the Tyler Police Department in Tyler Texas. I was asked to write a little review of the Victory Motorcycles our department purchased about one year ago. Tyler has 16 motorcycle positions and made the decision to switch completely over to Victory and we received our first 4 bikes from VPM in March of last year. I was one of the officers to get a bike in the first group and honesty was somewhat apprehensive about switching from our HD Road kings that I'd been on for the last 3 years. No doubt the bike is bigger, and the fairing was new experience for me but after riding it, it grew on me. I was pleasantly surprised at how easy the bike was to ride; it's balanced remarkably well and took very little time to become comfortable enough to lean the bike. We received our bikes the first week of March and I competed in a rodeo on it the end of March and was fortunate enough to place 1st, which if nothing else is a testament to how easy the transition to the Commander I was.

I tell everyone that asks, (and that's a lot of people) I compare the Victory to a Cadillac, and the Harley to a Ford. The ride quality isn't even close! I don't want it to sound like I don't like HD because I do. There are many things I like about HD but after working on the bikes for 8 hours a day 5 days a week they don't compare. The ergonomics aren't in the same league. The seat comfort, bar placement, lack of teeth rattling motor vibration, I could go on but the fact is as far as comfort goes the Victory is in its own class. You can read reviews till your blue in the face but you're not going to know what I mean until you sit in the saddle and ride it. Ride one!

As I said earlier I was able to compete in Coppell TX at their rodeo in March of last year and VPM came down from Tucson to support another officer and myself as we competed. It was awesome to have the support and advice of Mike and his team that you'd never get from anyone else. VPM really tries to keep in close contact with their customers after the sale. It's priceless to have a supplier that you can call at 1am if need be to ask a stupid question, that's customer service that is almost nonexistent in business now days.

And now for the safety side of these motorcycles. Most everyone that rides knows, it's not if, it's when and how bad. December 3rd going home at about 10pm and met the acquaintance of a black 70lbs pit bull with my front tire at about 65mph. I made him into a ramp and landed on the left side of the bike. I was able to stay in the saddle after hitting the ground and I slid the bike approximately 200ft on the steel engine guards and steel saddle bag guards. Although it was loud it wasn't my body on the pavement. The bike did high side after bleeding most of my speed off, but I believe that was only because I hit a reflector in the road that stood the bike up. I walked away with a few bumps and bruises but without question, going down at 65 mph the bike saved me from serious injury or worse! The bike is designed to keep the tires in contact with the ground if it goes down which bleeds speed much faster than if it's just sliding on metal. I'm walking proof that the safety features on this bike work, and will save your butt!

I wrecked on Monday and VPM was at our city barn on Friday to pick up the bike for repairs (2000 mile trip). After the all the accident paperwork side was done my bike was repaired and I have since received it back. While my bike was at VPM, they decided to make some modifications and upgrades that were done free of charge and were greatly appreciated! That's the type of above and beyond service I have received from Victory Police Motorcycles. And if you can, get the Arizona Slammer pipes, they are awesome!!!

I like to end by thanking Mike Schultz and his staff at VPM along with his boss Nita Buckner who have taken very good care of me! Thank all of you for all your help, service, and dedication to making a quality product that you stand behind.

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