

## Victory Review

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Ms. Buckner,

Nita, and the VPM crew,

It's been a long time coming, but well worth the wait!! Since the first time I rode a Commander 1 in 2011, I knew Victory was on the right track. While I was still unwilling back then to trade safety and comfort for all out top speed, I have certainly had my mind changed. When my agency decided to try a new police motorcycle, my only criteria at the time was "how fast is it, and will it handle cone patterns?". Thank goodness Mike and Nita were at a local Police Motorcycle competition, and I was able to talk with them, and ride the Commander 1 again. Even in that short period of time since the last ride, I could see and feel the latest improvements in this newest model, and it impressed me how well y'all listened and responded to officer's request. From that moment on I was sold on the Victory, even though I thought it meant the end to my "rodeo" days, and working the highway. Well, you can imagine my surprise when I discovered just how competent the Commander 1 really is! While attending the VPM Motor Instructor School in Tucson this year, I discovered that it will not only turn in the same confines as the standard approved patterns from other motor schools, but when pushed a little, it will turn TIGHTER! And as far as acceleration is concerned, nothing that big should move that quick! While it may not have the ultimate top end as the Sport Tourers, the times in the 5 years I needed that speed while enforcing on one could be counted on 1 hand. It certainly is not worth the sacrifice of safety and comfort, as well as superior lighting and storage the Commander 1 has, to endure the discomfort of the Sport bike. Our agency bikes were completed in November of this year, and we elected to fly out to Arizona to pick them up, put the break in miles on, and enjoy the 1000 mile trip back! I couldn't get over how accommodating everyone was, and getting the first look at the finished product will never be forgotten. Until you ride one, describing the looks, the sound, the comfort, the performance, the amenities, will never be justified by words. We have been enforcing on the Commander 1 bikes for a little over 3 weeks now. The response from the department, the citizens, as well as the motoring public, has been nothing but positive.

And when doing escorts for various functions, it's amazing to see both directions of traffic moving over for us, showing the command presence of the Commander 1. The most amazed looks on peoples face is when I open the saddlebag, and they see a decked out AR15, locked in place, but just a button away from coming out if needed. Thank y'all for the wonderful product you build, the continuing effort to improve its options and functions, and being such great support when needed. I can't wait till the other bikes are delivered, and we have a full fleet of Victory's to enforce on the streets of Denton, Texas!