

## Debris Debriefing

As I sit down to write this article it is two weeks after hurricane Ike. There is not one person reading this that was not somehow affected in some way by this storm. Some only lost limbs and power for a few days, others had surge - water or rain water in their homes, losing carpet, furniture and irreplaceable things of value. No matter what toll the storm took on you and your family, this article is to help make sure the damage done by Ike is over for you and yours.



What in the world is Ted talking about now? The storm was two weeks ago. Yes, the storm was two weeks ago, but as motorcyclists it is still VERY deadly to us. Ike left a massive amount of debris in its wake. Tree limbs and parts of houses, signs, downed power lines, traffic signals that don't work and depending on where you live, even the occasional boat in the road. It is these dangers that we are extremely susceptible to.

Our demons now have many different forms and I would like to mention some of the ways we can continue to stay safe.

Probably the most dangerous for us is the uncontrolled intersections. There used to be a light there.....its just gone. Be cautious. Treat it as a four -way stop as you would any other uncontrolled intersection, but beware of people that don't know there was a stop light/sign there before. I can't tell you how many folks I have seen running through there types of intersections on a daily basis, not slowing down. I'm sure they never even realized what they had done.

Tree limbs are everywhere! I have see many b rush piles 8 feet high and hanging in the street. These are super dangerous for us. They not only can grab us as we go by, but they hide things that are on the other side of them. Cars backing up, bicycles coming off the sidewalk, animals and children are just a few of the things that can be hiding just on the other side of that pile of tree limbs and trash . Even after a street has been cleaned there are limbs the size of your arm and 4 feet long laying in the road. Slow down in the neighborhoods. Everything now is right there on or very close to the street giving us precious little time to react to an emergency.

There are power companies from all over the United States on our streets right now. They don't know their way around. Be careful around their trucks. They can and will make abrupt changes in directions and will stop in the middle of no where for seemingly no reason.

Okay, I could go on, but I'm done. I think you get the idea. It's a strange world out there these last few weeks and probably for quite a while longer. Just exercise even a little more caution than usual when you are out on two wheels and don't be a victim of Ike well after it's gone.

Till next time, think safe, ride safe, be safe . If not for yourself.....for Chapter Z....we love you!

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