



# IDOT INJURY PREVENTION STIPENDS FOR PARTICIPATING POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Funding provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation

Dear community outreach officer or head traffic officer,

Funding from an Illinois Department of Transportation Injury Prevention grant is now available to address the persistent problem of car-bicycle crashes resulting in injuries and fatalities, in higher-risk areas of Illinois.

Ride Illinois, a statewide bicycle organization working with IDOT to improve roadway safety, will award grant-funded stipends for law enforcement agency staff time for officer training and public education/enforcement of bike safety issues. The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) endorsed our grant application.

Interested police departments may apply for one or more of the three options below. All use our **free** BikeSafetyQuiz.com online lessons, with Illinois Secretary of State-approved content on car-bike crash avoidance and the nuances of relevant state laws. The options:

- 1) \$300 for departments agreeing to start using our BikeSafetyQuiz.com website's Motorist and Adult Bicyclist lessons for [online] training of its traffic enforcement officers
- 2) \$700 for establishing a ticket diversion program using our quiz website's Motorist and Adult Bicyclist lessons
- 3) \$1000 for conducting small-scale, publicized one-day cyclist and motorist targeted enforcement and education campaigns in high-crash locations

These and other bicycle safety resources are detailed in our enclosed ILACP Command article. Call 630-978-0583 with additional questions. Also, we will provide help to our stipend winners.

Limited funding is available, so if your department is interested in one or more of the stipend offerings, apply soon using the simple online form at **[www.surveymonkey.com/r/B9VQ2XM](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B9VQ2XM)**

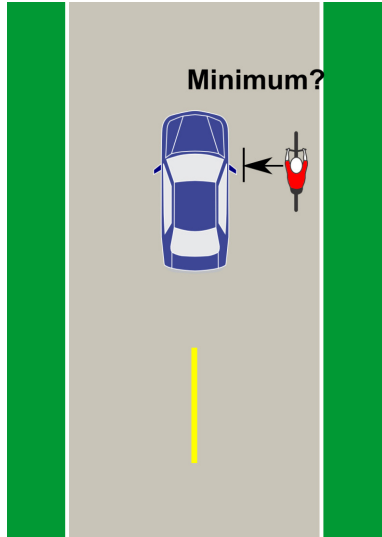
Thank you for your partnership in reducing injuries and fatalities for people who bicycle.

Sincerely,

Ed Barsotti, Chief Programs Officer

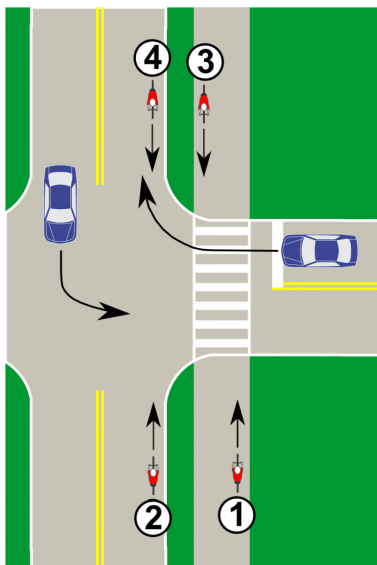
# Sample BikeSafetyQuiz.com Questions

**When a motorist passes a bicyclist, what is the minimum legal distance (clearance) to leave between vehicle and bike?**



- A** AT LEAST 3 feet (from the end of your side mirror)
- B** AT LEAST 1 foot (from the end of your side mirror)
- C** AT LEAST 10 feet
- D** There is no legal minimum distance defined. Use common sense.

**Most vehicle-bike crashes occur at intersections, often due to cyclists not being seen by motorists. Rank these bicyclists on how likely they are to be seen. (Bicyclists 2 and 4 are on-road, 1 and 3 are off-road.)**



- A** 4 (most visible) - 2 - 3 - 1 (least visible)
- B** 1 (most visible) - 3 - 2 - 4 (least visible)
- C** 2 (most visible) - 1 - 4 - 3 (least visible)
- D** 2 (most visible) - 4 - 1 - 3 (least visible)

**Can Your Officers Answer These Questions Correctly?**