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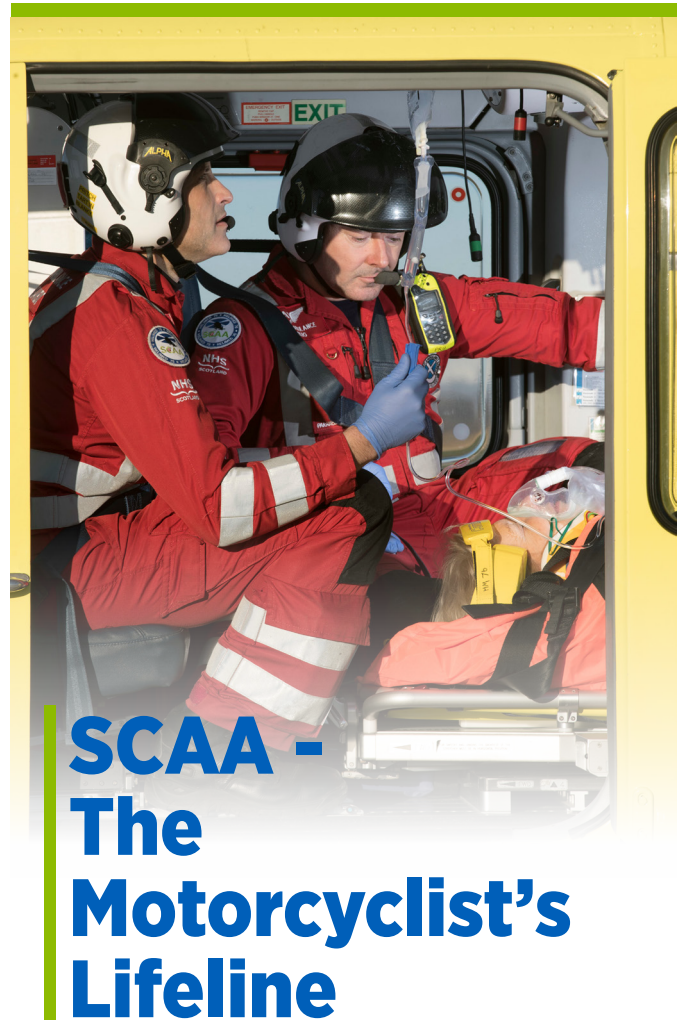
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# 20% of SCAA call outs were to RTCs in 2017

One minute Mark was enjoying a motorcycle ride through some of Scotland's most stunning scenery – the next he was **catapulted through the air**, bounced along the tarmac and smashed against a crash barrier, sustaining horrific injuries.

As Mark lay broken and bleeding, traffic build up made **road access impossible** for emergency services.

Only an air ambulance would reach Mark in time and Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) was to prove that lifeline.

“As a motorcyclist I now know first-hand the very vital role SCAA plays in Scotland,” said Mark.

“When you are seriously injured or ill in the middle of nowhere, these guys are your best hope of survival – there's few others could reach you in time.

**I'll always be grateful for what SCAA has done for me – they picked up the pieces after a horrendous accident and helped ensure I will enjoy a full recovery eventually. My riding days might be behind me but I'm glad my motorcycling friends have a service like SCAA to look out for them.**



Scotland's open roads and spectacular scenery have proved a lure for motorcyclists for generations. But the country roads and remote rural landscapes have also sadly been where many bikers have come to grief with **\*30 killed and 681 injured - 268 seriously - on Scotland's roads in 2016** alone (\*Transport Scotland).

For the past five years, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) has been flying expert paramedics straight to the scene of motorcycle accidents and airlifting those injured quickly to hospital.

Based at Perth Airport, SCAA is ideally placed to respond rapidly to time-critical incidents all across Scotland, **saving vital minutes and sometimes hours** in getting casualties to crucial care. More than half of all SCAA's emergency call outs to road traffic collisions involve motorcyclists.

SCAA's speed - especially when called to remote and rural areas - can literally **make the difference between life and death.**

And more than 110 injured motorcyclists - both from the UK and abroad - have found themselves in the hands of this unique service in Scotland in recent years (by Feb 2018). Four were airlifted from separate incidents during a three week summer period alone.

But this **charity-funded service** - which has become a vital cog in the 999 emergency response machine - comes at a price.

Every day there are communities, businesses, clubs, organisations and individuals working tirelessly to raise the **£2+ million needed annually to keep the service in the air.**

Scotland's bikers have proved a fabulous fund-raising ally, quickly recognising the value of SCAA to their motorcycling community. **They, like many others, are helping ensure these vital funds are raised, enabling SCAA to respond where and when they are most needed.**

***You might need their help tomorrow - but they need your help today.***