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## 22.0 BIKE PATROL

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### 22.01 UTILIZATION OF BIKE PATROL

- A. The Department utilizes bicycle patrol to facilitate a variety of law enforcement and crime prevention operations, to include animal control, parking enforcement, improving public relations, and building community partnerships.

### 22.02 TRAINING

- A. Members must receive appropriate police bicycle training prior to participation with bicycle patrol assignments.
- B. Initial Training:
  1. Selected members must attend and pass a nationally recognized and standardized basic police cycling course. At the discretion of the unit supervisor, in-house training by a certified bike officer may be substituted if the opportunity and/or funding is not available to members interested in bicycle patrol assignments.
  2. Members must spend a minimum of 12 hours riding with a certified bike officer before patrolling on their own. In-house training must be documented in a training SSR.

### 22.03 SELECTION PROCESS

- A. Members must have a minimum of one (1) year of patrol experience before being considered for bicycle patrol.
- B. Members must be in good standing with the Department, possess good work habits, and professionally represent the Department.
- C. Members who are interested in participating in bicycle patrol should notify their Sergeant of their interest. The Sergeant will notify the Chief of Police, who will make the final determination.

### 22.04 EQUIPMENT

- A. Members are expected to inspect and maintain their equipment to ensure that it is in proper working order.
- B. Members will be provided a Department issued bike.
- C. Members are expected to wear a Department issued bike uniform, to include a helmet and eye gear.
- D. All bikes should be equipped with legally mandated lights and reflective equipment.

### 22.05 BIKE PATROL

- A. Bike patrol should be conducted in a safe manner, riding in compliance with the law, and using standard procedures for making contact with the public.
- B. While patrolling on sidewalks, members must be alert to pedestrians, recognizing that they have the right-of-way.
- C. Members should give an audible warning of their approach from the rear when practical.
- D. Members should maintain reasonable speeds and caution on sidewalks.
- E. Members should not take unnecessary risks.
- F. When staffing allows, members are encouraged to patrol neighborhoods, bike paths, and the downtown area on bikes.

**22.06 ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS**

- A. When possible, members shall notify dispatch of all potential enforcement contacts, to include the members exact location. Members may initiate traffic stops, giving particular attention to motorist and officer safety.
- B. Members should identify themselves during the stop and display their identification if requested.
- C. Marked patrol units should be requested where appropriate to provide emergency lighting and cover from traffic.
- D. In arrest situations, members shall request a motorized transport unit for the arrestee.