

2.406 BICYCLE PATROL

- A. The agency has and utilizes specially equipped bicycles to complement the fleet of marked patrol cruisers in the conduct of routine and directed patrol activities, selective enforcement, and special events.
- B. The agency's bicycle program utilizes trained and certified police bicycle operators who perform bicycle program activities as components of their normal duty assignments.

2.406.10 Program Administration

- A. The Police Services bureau commander is responsible for designating a supervisory or administrative ranked officer to serve in an ancillary capacity as the agency's bicycle program coordinator (BPC).
- B. Duties and responsibilities of the BPC include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Developing, for ultimate approval by the Police Services Bureau Commander, special operating procedures pertaining to:
 - a. Bicycle maintenance, inspection, and assignment; and
 - b. Selection, training, skill development, and certification of bicycle operators;
 - 2. Supervising and inspecting the bicycle operation activities of authorized operators;
 - 3. Preparing and disseminating any required or requested analytical reports pertaining to bicycle patrol operations;
 - 4. Coordinating bicycle use for other than routine program activities;
 - 5. Disseminating lists of authorized operators; and
 - 6. Disseminating the bicycle program SOP to all certified and authorized bicycle operators and their unit commanders.

2.406.20 Training & Certification Requirements

- A. Prospective bicycle operators are initially selected consistent with the bicycle program SOP and **1.436.15 Specialized Assignments**.
- B. Only officers who are currently authorized to operate agency bicycles may do so.
 - 1. Officers who have been selected to serve in the bicycle program, but have not completed required training, may operate agency bicycles only when under the direct supervision and monitoring of certified operators.
 - 2. Officers who have been selected to serve in the bicycle program, have successfully completed agency approved police bicycle operators courses, and maintain their certifications may perform bicycle program activities subject to parameters established in this directive and in the bicycle program SOP.

2.406.30 Program Operations

- A. Agency bicycles will not be operated in ice, snow, freezing rain, or any other weather conditions that would unnecessarily compromise the safe operation of bicycles or health of bicycle operators.
- B. Off-duty use of agency bicycles is prohibited without specific approval of the Police Services Bureau Commander or chief.
- C. Officers conducting routine bicycle operations will patrol singly unless otherwise specifically authorized by PSB supervisory or administrative ranked officers.
- D. Bicycle operators will wear the agency authorized bicycle uniform consistent with **1.806.55 Bicycle Uniform** when conducting bicycle program operations. Additional equipment authorizations and requirements are contained in the bicycle program SOP.
- E. Transporting passengers on agency bicycles is prohibited.
- F. Officers conducting routine bicycle operations may be counted toward minimum mandatory patrol vehicle staffing levels unless such usage would be constrained due to the lack of multi-passenger capabilities.