

CODE ENFORCEMENT MOUNTAIN BIKE FUNCTION

EFFECTIVE: _____

I. POLICY: The purpose of this procedure is to establish the Code Enforcement Mountain Bike patrol function, and to designate equipment and authorized uniform.

II. BICYCLE PROCEDURE:

A. Use of bike patrol will be guided by the need or circumstances of the basic code enforcement patrol function.

B. Bike patrol will be assigned to specialized assignment functions where appropriate. Deployment for such special use will be under the control of the immediate supervisor of the specialized function.

III. EQUIPMENT, UNIFORM AND TRAINING:

A. Equipment - Bicycle is a 21 speed mountain bike clearly marked "Code Enforcement". It is equipped with the following accessories:

1. Equipment trunk and rack;
2. Front, rear and wheel reflectors;
3. Water bottle and cage;
4. Reinforced, high pressure tires;
5. Front and rear cantilever brakes;
6. Horn or other audible device;
7. Toe clips; and a
8. Lock.

B. Optional accessories - Officers assigned to bike patrol may choose to equip their bikes with additional items for comfort. Padded seats and high rise handle bar stems must be approved by the supervisor prior to their installation and use. No optional equipment can be used that will hinder the operation or identification of the bike.

C. Uniforms - Officers using the bike for patrol duties will wear the regulation uniform. This will consist of:

1. Issued helmet or personally owned white "Snell" approved helmet;
2. Navy blue Class C uniform shirt;
3. Department approved riding shorts or cool weather long riding pants and jackets when necessary;
6. Department approved jacket when necessary;
7. White socks;
8. Department approved black shoes; and
9. Protective eyewear (sunglasses or clear lens).

D. Training - Prior to using the bicycle for patrol duty, officers will be trained and certified by authorized instructors approved by the division. Training will cover topics such as:

1. Safe use and operation of the bicycle,
2. Traffic laws and protocol,

E. Night Riding - riding after dusk is prohibited unless prior approval has been granted by a supervisor.

1. All night safety equipment, such as lights and reflectors, will be used.
2. When using the roadways, all traffic regulations will be obeyed unless exigent conditions are present.

IV. SECURITY:

A. To prevent theft, bikes left unattended in non-exigent circumstances will be secured with a lock.

V. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:

A. All basic repairs and maintenance to the bikes will be performed by the officer(s) assigned to that bike.

1. The officer completing the repair or maintenance will notify by memo the supervisor in charge of the bikes of the work performed

B. When major repairs are needed, the unit supervisor will be notified by memo so the bike may be fixed by the approved repair company.

VI. REFERENCE:

- SOP # 8 Uniform Policy.

Bike/Foot Patrol

Any officer wishing to participate in the Pilot Bike/Foot Patrol Program, Please sign the sign up sheet.

You must have a currant City of Gainesville health assessment/gym card.

This is not intended to replace your Vehicle, only enhance your patrol by allowing you to Walk or Ride for a portion of your patrol zone once or twice a week if desired.

Thank you for your interest. For Any further inquiries Contact West Side Supervisor Dave Watkins.

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BENEFITS

- Increased opportunity for personal communication with citizens.
- Greater observation of surroundings.
- Access to areas inaccessible from a vehicle.
- Higher visibility for game day activities, parades and other events than possible on foot patrol.
- Allows officers to circumvent heavy traffic areas at a faster pace than by car.
- Benefits environment by eliminating heat and exhaust.
- Reduced city fuel costs.
- Physical health benefits to the officers on bike patrol.
- Increased positive image of department.