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| PBP FORM 290  PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE <i>"...accountability, integrity and respect."</i> | | SUBJECT: "GENERAL REGULATIONS BICYCLE PATROL UNIT" | ORDER NUMBER: 40-14 |
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1.0 POLICY OR PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines pertaining to training and the accountability and maintenance of equipment utilized by the Bicycle Patrol Unit.

2.0 BICYCLE PATROL OPERATIONS

2.1 The use of bicycles for law enforcement provides for a tremendous amount of flexibility and mobility for personnel assigned to them. As with all modes of transportation, the mountain bike has advantages and limitations that are contingent upon terrain, weather conditions and demographics.

2.2 Areas that are conducive to standard Bicycle Patrol Operations include:

- Business Districts/Downtown Area
- City Parks/Recreational Areas
- Campus/School Zones
- High pedestrian traffic areas
- Residential areas with a limited amount of extreme terrain features

2.3 Areas and factors that are not conducive to Bicycle Patrol Operations include:

- Areas with extreme terrain features
- Heavy snow or ice conditions
- Electrical Storms

2.4 Since the equipment issued to the Bicycle Patrol Unit allows for normal operations in all but the most extreme conditions, the Unit will operate as an "all season unit."

2.5 The Bicycle Patrol Unit may be utilized for Special Events such as festivals, parades, etc. and for special patrol deployment operations such as dignitary protection details or in high crime areas at the discretion of the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

3.0 TRAINING

3.1 Any member desiring consideration for assignment to the Bicycle Patrol Unit will first be required to pass a physical examination and stress test.. These tests will be administered by the city contracted provider, and will be witnessed by an academy member or his/her designee.

3.2 Once the preliminary physical testing is successfully completed, the officer will be required to attend and successfully complete a 40-hour International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) certified training course.

3.3 Upon assignment to the Bicycle Patrol Unit, members will be required to receive subsequent follow-up and advanced training on a continuing basis.

4.0 UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 Officers assigned to the Bicycle Patrol Unit will be considered a "Specialized Unit" as referenced in General Order #31-1, "General Uniform Regulations" of the Manual of Procedural Orders. As such, specialized units may have specific uniforms that are required to allow those members to effectively perform their specific job tasks. These specialized uniforms shall be approved for wear by the Chief of Police and shall serve as the Summer or Winter Work uniforms for these specific specialized units.
- 4.2 Officers assigned to the Bicycle Patrol Unit will have the discretion to interchange summer and winter uniforms during the fall and spring months as dictated by the weather conditions.
- 4.3 Only equipment that is issued by the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police will be utilized by officers assigned to the Bicycle Patrol Unit. A list of this equipment includes:
- Mountain Bicycles meeting specifications set forth by the Bureau of Police
 - Protective Helmet with optional winter cover, both to display 'POLICE'.
 - ASP Baton
 - OC Spray
 - Nylon Mesh inner/outer duty belts, handcuff case, holster, ASP carrier, OC Spray carrier, magazine pouch, radio carrier, and belt keepers.
 - Bicycle Shorts
 - Bicycle Pants
 - Short/ Long Sleeve shirts with reflective "POLICE" panel and Hi Vis green with subdued patches.
 - Outer vest carrier with reflective Police panel.
 - Turtleneck Sweaters as authorized in General Order #31-2 "General Uniform Regulations"
 - Baseball cap as authorized in General Order #31-2 "General Uniform Regulations"
 - Cold weather jacket

5.0 MAINTENANCE

- 5.1 Each officer assigned to the Bicycle Patrol Unit will be responsible for maintaining his/her bicycle, i.e. repairing flat tires, tuning gears, etc. Any serious problem detected will be reported immediately to the Bicycle Patrol Unit Trainer and Bike Patrol administrative supervisor.
- 5.2 Any maintenance that cannot be performed by the officer will be taken to a designated repair shop after notifying the administrative supervisor. If a repair is expected to take longer than two (2) days, the officer will attempt to secure a spare bicycle until his/her bicycle is repaired.

Approved By:



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