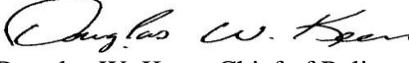




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PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for the operation of police motorcycles.

POLICY:

Police Motorcycle Officers are an integral part of the Traffic Services Unit of Special Operations, and the Patrol Services Division. These units are used for primary response to traffic related incidents including motor vehicle accidents, selected enforcement, disabled or abandoned vehicles, parking violations, escorts and traffic direction and control. Motorcycle Officers also patrol City parks, jogging paths and other areas where the mobility of the standard patrol vehicle is adversely affected.

DISCUSSION:

The operation of police motorcycles is subject to the provisions of General Order 6-22.

PROCEDURE:

I. Qualifications and Training

- A. Officers are selected for motorcycle duty based on the necessary qualifications, knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA's), and the selection procedure specified in the job description for Motorcycle Officer. See General Order 3-17.
- B. The Chief of Police appoints Motorcycle Officers. See General Order 3-17.
- C. The Special Operations Lieutenant manages motorcycle operations, and coordinates with the Training Officer to ensure that officers meet minimum training standards and that ongoing in-service training specific to Motorcycle Officers is conducted periodically through the law enforcement academy and other sources that is consistent with the objectives of the Traffic Services Unit.

II. Care and Maintenance

- A. Motorcycles are normally individually assigned. Officers are responsible for the routine care and for ensuring that normal maintenance of the motorcycle is conducted.
- B. Routine maintenance is coordinated through the Special Operations Lieutenant and the City Maintenance Garage. Maintenance is conducted by both shop personnel and from outside vendors.

III. Scheduling and Deployment

- A. The Special Operations Lieutenant schedules Motorcycle Officers. Schedules with consideration given to high accident / traffic congestion hours.
- B. Motorcycle Officers are assigned primarily to traffic duty that includes such activities as routine and selective traffic enforcement, special traffic assignments, escorts and safety inspections. Motorcycle Officers may also be used to supplement the Patrol function, to include accident investigation, when needed during their unassigned time.
- C. Motorcycle Officers are trained and certified in Motor Carrier Safety procedures, and perform safety inspections and enforcement duties concerning commercial vehicles and common carriers.

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- D. The use of police motorcycles combine increased mobility with the close citizen contact normally found in foot patrol.
- E. During heavy calls for service periods, the Duty Supervisor should consider the deployment of motorcycle officers to any situation where manpower considerations or the increased mobility of a motorcycle unit will assist in police operations. Requests for motorcycle unit assistance should be directed through the Special Operations Lieutenant, when on duty.
- F. Patrol Supervisors that anticipate manpower shortages due to training, leave or other situations should confer with the Special Operations Lieutenant to determine if motorcycle units are already scheduled during the time of the shortage. If Traffic Services assignments for that day allow, motorcycle officers may provide assistance to meet Patrol Division mandates.

Attachments: N/A

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