

CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Title: *MOTORCYCLE UNIT*

Procedure: 4.001

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PURPOSE:

To provide for the safe operation of the Department motorcycle(s).

To provide Department procedures for the operation of the Motorcycle Unit.

POLICY:

The Department motorcycle will be utilized as a highly visible, community oriented, patrol vehicle. The motorcycle is an effective patrol vehicle in that it combines mobility with the close citizen contact provided by foot patrols.

PROCEDURE:

The Motorcycle Unit is a function of the Traffic Division and is under the direct supervision of the on duty Supervisor.

PERIOD OF OPERATION

1. The motorcycle will be utilized as a patrol vehicle from April 1st through December 31.
2. The motorcycle will not be used during periods of inclement weather.

MOTORCYCLE UNIT PERSONNEL

1. Personnel will be assigned to the unit, by a selection process, for a period of three years. Only authorized personnel are allowed to drive the motorcycle.
2. Motorcycle Unit personnel are required to possess a valid motorcycle classification drivers license.
3. Personnel are required to wear all protective equipment in accordance with Department procedure # 3.104, State and Municipal laws.

4. Motorcycle Unit personnel will be assigned training specifically designed to teach safe driving techniques.

PATROL UTILIZATION

1. The motorcycle may be utilized as a beat vehicle but will normally be assigned to high traffic area as well as retail and park areas.
2. The motorcycle will not be used to transport prisoners or other passengers.
3. The motorcycle will under no circumstances be used as a pursuit vehicle.

EQUIPMENT

1. The motorcycles will be marked with the agency name, logo, emergency number and vehicle number.
2. The motorcycles will be equipped with blue flashing emergency strobe lights, a siren, a public address system, a mobile transceiver and a radar unit.
3. The motorcycle shall carry a flashlight, flares, first aid kit, and personal protective equipment.

MAINTENANCE

1. Each motor officer is responsible for keeping the motorcycle clean and washed. Damage resulting from a fall or collision is to be reported immediately to the on duty supervisor.