

CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Title: ***BICYCLE OPERATIONS***

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PURPOSE:

To provide for the safe operation and use of Department bicycles.

To provide Department procedures for the operation of the police bicycle.

POLICY:

Department bicycles will primarily be used to provide highly visible police patrol in the business, school and park areas. The bicycle is an effective vehicle in that it combines mobility with close citizen contact.

PROCEDURE:

The bicycle patrol is a function of the Community Policing Unit

PERIOD OF OPERATION:

1. The bicycle will be used as a specialized vehicle from April 1 through December 31.
2. The bicycle will not be used during periods of inclement weather.

BICYCLE UNIT PERSONNEL:

1. Personnel will be assigned to the bicycle unit by the Chief of Police or his designee through a selection process. Only authorized and trained personnel are allowed to ride the police bicycles.
2. When available training will be through a certified training program.

BICYCLE EQUIPMENT:

1. The police bicycles will be equipped with a headlight, taillight, reflectors, and audible warning device and contain police markings.

2. Bicycle unit personnel are responsible for the maintenance of the bicycles.

BICYCLE OFFICER'S UNIFORM

1. The bicycle officer's uniform shall consist of the following items:

- Summer shorts/winter trousers
- Short sleeve polo shirt/winter shirt
- Duty belt.
- Helmet
- Winter jacket
- Bicycle gloves
- Black athletic shoes.

PATROL UTILIZATION:

1. The police bicycle will not normally be utilized as a beat vehicle.
2. Department police bicycles will be used to access those areas not accessible by a car, primarily the school and park grounds and alleyways.
3. A police bicycle will not be used to transport prisoners.
4. A police bicycle will under no circumstances be involved in or used as a pursuit vehicle for pursuing another vehicle.