

JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BIKE PATROL

22.1 UTILIZATION OF BIKE PATROL

- A. The Jackson Police Department utilizes bicycle patrol to facilitate a variety of law enforcement and crime prevention operations, to include animal control, parking enforcement, improving public relations and building community partnerships.

22.2 TRAINING

- A. Officers must receive appropriate police bicycle training prior to participation with bicycle patrol assignments.
- B. Initial Training:
 - 1. Selected officers must attend and pass a nationally recognized and standardized basic police cycling course. At the discretion of the unit supervisor, in-house training by a certified bike officer may be substituted if the opportunity and/or funding is not available to officers interested in bicycle patrol assignments.
 - 2. Officers must spend a minimum of 12 hours riding with a certified bike officer before patrolling on their own. In-house training must be documented in a training SSR.

22.3 SELECTION PROCESS

- A. Officers must have a minimum of one year of patrol experience before being considered for bicycle patrol.
- B. Officers must be in good standing with the Department, possess good work habits, and professionally represent the Department.
- C. Officers who are interested in participating in bicycle patrol should notify their Sergeant of their interest. The Sergeant will notify the Chief of Police, who will make the final determination.

22.4 EQUIPMENT

- A. Officers are expected to inspect and maintain their equipment to ensure that it is in proper working order.
- B. Officers will be provided a department issued bike.
- C. Officers are expected to wear a department issued bike uniform, to include a helmet and eye gear.

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- D. All bikes should be equipped with legally mandated lights and reflective equipment.

22.5 BIKE PATROL

- A. Bike patrol should be conducted in a safe manner, riding in compliance with the law and using standard procedures for making contact with the public.
- B. While patrolling on sidewalks, police cyclists must be alert to pedestrians, recognizing that they have the right-of-way.
- C. Officers should give an audible warning of their approach from the rear when practical.
- D. Officers should maintain reasonable speeds and caution on sidewalks.
- E. Officers should not take unnecessary risks.
- F. When staffing allows, officers are encouraged to patrol neighborhoods, bike paths and the downtown area on bikes.

22.6 ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS

- A. When possible, police cyclists shall notify TCSO Dispatch of all potential enforcement contacts, to include the officer's exact location. Police cyclists may initiate traffic stops, giving particular attention to motorist and officer safety.
- B. Officers should identify themselves during the stop and display their identification if requested.
- C. Marked patrol units should be requested where appropriate to provide emergency lighting and cover from traffic.
- D. In arrest situations, police cyclists shall request a motorized transport unit for the prisoner.