

2.440 MOTORCYCLE PATROL

- A. The agency has and utilizes conspicuously marked police motorcycles, registered and equipped as emergency vehicles, to complement the fleet of marked patrol cruisers in the conduct of routine and directed patrol activities, selective enforcement, special events, vehicle escorts, and motorcades.
- B. The agency's motorcycle program utilizes trained and certified police motorcycle operators who perform motorcycle program activities in addition to their normal duty assignments.

2.440.10 Program Administration

- A. The Police Services Bureau Commander is responsible for designating a supervisory or administrative ranked officer to serve in an ancillary capacity as the agency's motorcycle program coordinator (MPC).
- B. Duties and responsibilities of the MPC include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Developing, for ultimate approval by the Police Services Bureau Commander, special operating procedures pertaining to:
 - a. Motorcycle inspection and assignments; and
 - b. Selection, training, skill development, and certification of motorcycle operators;
 - 2. Supervising and inspecting the motorcycle operation activities of authorized operators;
 - 3. Preparing and disseminating any required or requested analytical reports pertaining to motorcycle patrol operations;
 - 4. Coordinating motorcycle use for other than routine program activities which have been approved through the Fleet Manager and appropriate bureau commander;
 - 5. Disseminating lists of authorized operators; and
 - 6. Disseminating the motorcycle program SOP to all certified and authorized motorcycle operators and their unit commanders.

2.440.20 Training & Certification Requirements

- A. Prospective motorcycle operators are initially selected consistent with the motorcycle program SOP and **1.436.15 Specialized Assignments**.
- B. Only officers who are currently authorized to operate agency motorcycles may do so.
 - 1. Officers who have been selected to serve in the motorcycle program, have successfully completed agency approved police motorcycle operators courses, and maintain their certifications may operate motorcycles and perform motorcycle program activities subject to parameters established in this directive and in the motorcycle program SOP.
 - 2. Officers who have been selected to serve in the motorcycle program and have completed basic motorcycle training programs, or operators with lapsed certifications, may operate agency motorcycles only for training purposes and when under the direct supervision and monitoring of a supervisory ranked motorcycle operator or police motorcycle instructor.

2.440.30 Program Operations

- A. Agency motorcycles will not be operated in ice, snow, freezing rain, or any other weather conditions that would unnecessarily compromise the safe operation of motorcycles or health of motorcycle operators.
- B. Off-duty use of agency motorcycles is prohibited without specific approval of the Police Services Bureau commander or chief.
- C. Officers conducting routine motorcycle operations will patrol singly unless otherwise specifically authorized by patrol supervisory or administrative ranked officers.
- D. Motorcycle operators will wear the agency authorized motorcycle uniform consistent with **1.806.50 Motorcycle Uniform** when conducting motorcycle program operations.

- 1. Only currently certified and authorized motorcycle program officers may wear motorcycle wings as uniform accouterments.
- 2. Additional equipment authorizations and requirements are contained in the motorcycle program SOP.
- E. Motorcycles may be utilized as primary pursuit vehicles only until marked cruisers assume primary pursuit roles. Officers operating motorcycles will cease active pursuit when sufficient marked cruisers become secondary units.
- F. Transporting passengers on agency motorcycles is prohibited.
- G. Officers conducting routine motorcycle operations may be counted toward minimum mandatory patrol vehicle staffing levels unless such usage would be constrained due to the lack of multi-passenger capabilities.