

WOLFEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SOP 3.8

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By Order of:
Dean J. Rondeau, Chief of Police

MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

Policy The Wolfeboro Police Department shall use all available resources to meet the challenges of community-oriented policing, and to reduce crime and its impact on the community using bicycle patrols.

Purpose To establish community-oriented, anti-crime mountain bike patrols within the Wolfeboro Police Department.

Responsibilities The Operational Sergeant shall be responsible for implementing and administering the mountain bike patrol program.

The patrol supervisor shall direct and monitor the actions of all personnel under his or her supervision and ensure proper compliance with all parts of this directive.

The mountain bike patrol officer shall adhere to this directive and operate his or her mountain bike in a safe manner, take proper care of the equipment and practice community-oriented policing in the execution of their duties.

Action Operational Sergeant shall select the sworn employees for his or her mountain bike patrol. The physical fitness of the officers and their ability to interact with the community in a positive manner must be primary considerations in the selection process.

Training

Training will be approved by the Administrative Sergeant.

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Deployment

Mountain bike patrol officers shall concentrate on problems specified by The Operational Division Sergeant who will be in charge of traffic enforcement.

Mountain bike patrol officers shall be assigned to regular patrol areas and are encouraged to establish relationships with the members of the community.

Mountain bike patrol officers shall attend community meetings and support community projects as directed by the Captain/Executive Officer.

Uniforms and Equipment

All uniform and equipment items for the mountain bike patrol unit shall be designated and approved by the Chief of Police.

Mountain bike patrol officers shall wear approved safety helmets at all times while mounted on the bicycle.

The mountain bike patrol uniform shall only be worn when performing duties as a member of the bicycle patrol, unless permission is granted in writing by the Chief of Police.

Mountain bike patrol officers shall wear protective body armor at all times.

Mountain bike patrol officers shall ensure that their bicycle is secured with a lock when away from the bike and when it is practical to do so.

Mountain bikes equipped with all the minimum state law required reflectors on the front and shall emit white light which shall be visible from at least 300 feet and a taillight which shall emit red light and visible from 300 feet shall be used for night patrols.

Traffic vests shall be carried in bicycle bags for emergency use such as in the rain, during those hours of lowlights or darkness, for increased visibility and directing traffic.

The maintenance officer shall maintain the mountain bikes.