CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER

FOOT / BICYCLE PATROL

GENERAL ORDER: 10.06	**CREATED:** July 8, 2016	**ISSUE DATE:** June 29, 2026
CALEA STANDARD:		**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 13, 2026
ACTION: Amends general order dated September 4, 2023.		

10.06.0 PURPOSE

The mission of the department's Foot / Bicycle Patrol Program is to improve the quality of life in city neighborhoods by reducing or preventing crime, fear and disorder. Residents and police will develop mutual trust and confidence in working together to keep neighborhoods safe by intensely involving individual officers in an extended commitment to individual neighborhoods.

10.06.1 POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Concord Police Department that foot and bicycle patrols may be used for regular patrol duty, traffic enforcement, parking control, or special events. The use of foot and bicycle patrols shall emphasize officer mobility and department visibility in the community.

10.06.2 GOALS

A. Reduction in actual or perceived criminal activity.

B. Increase the safety of citizens.

C. Increase citizen participation in reporting suspicious or criminal activity.

D. Increase community awareness of actual or potential problems and citizen participation in correcting the problems.

10.06.3 OBJECTIVES

A. Ongoing exchange of information between foot / bicycle patrol officers, district officers and other units within the department.

B. Develop community awareness of the problems of crime by analyzing crime trends and reporting same to individuals or to groups who reside in the assigned foot / bicycle patrol areas.

C. Develop and maintain an open line of communication with youth and youth related agencies.

D. Collect and distribute pertinent information to the various divisions/units concerning criminal or illegal activities.

10.06.4 FOOT PATROL

Foot patrols will facilitate communication between officers and residents, thereby enhancing the relationship between the department and the community it protects. Foot patrols will improve public perception of how officers are deployed and will allow the opportunity for residents to become more involved in improving the quality of life in their neighborhood. Foot patrols may be conducted by patrol officers during their regular tour of duty as outlined below:

A. Officers shall perform foot patrols within their assigned district or any other area as directed by their supervisor.

B. Foot patrols should be conducted in those areas requiring dedicated patrol.

C. Crime trends/patterns, events and any other reason of significance shall be used to determine the geographical location and time of day or night for foot patrols.

D. The area and time of day or night shall be approved by the district commander or designee.

E. Any officer conducting a foot patrol assignment shall advise the Communications Center via the department radio, use the appropriate code and give the location. For example, "4200 to Concord, I will be 7.16 Logan 1."

F. Foot patrol assignments shall not exceed two hours in length without the authorization of their commanding officer or designee.

10.06.5 BICYCLE PATROL

Bicycle patrols enhance police presence with superior mobility and response time. Bicycle patrol has been shown to be an effective way to increase officer visibility in congested areas, and the quiet operation of the patrol bicycle can facilitate a tactical approach to crimes in progress. Patrol bicycles may be deployed to any area, at any hour of the day or night, according to department needs and as staffing levels allow.

A. ASSIGNMENT

The Chief of Police shall determine the size of the bicycle fleet; and how many bicycles are assigned to each work location.

B. PATROL BUREAU COMMANDER OR DESIGNEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Patrol Bureau Commander or designee shall select the officer(s) who shall be authorized to operate a bicycle and shall ensure:

1. That officers who are authorized to operate a bicycle are properly trained and equipped.

2. That bicycle equipment inspections are conducted bi-annually and recorded in RMS.

3. Maintain a list of assigned bicycles and equipment in the department approved software.

C. OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Bicycle patrol officers shall only use department approved equipment.

2. Officers shall only use a department owned bicycle with the permission of their commanding officer.

3. Bicycle patrol officers shall patrol in the approved bicycle uniform to include a department approved helmet unless otherwise directed by their commanding officer.

4. The secure storage of bicycles shall be the responsibility of the officer.

5. Officers assigned to bicycle patrol duty shall conduct a safety inspection before patrolling, and perform minor maintenance and adjustments as needed. Officers shall maintain their bicycles in a clean and safe operating condition.

6. Any officer conducting a bicycle patrol assignment shall advise the Communications Center via the department radio, use the appropriate code and give the location or appropriate specified location. For example, "4100 to Concord, I will be 7.17 in Logan 1."

7. Officers no longer assigned to bicycle patrol shall turn in designated equipment and uniforms to the Professional Standards Division administrative assistant.

8. Officers shall promptly report to the Patrol Bureau Commander any missing, stolen, defective or damaged bicycle equipment or uniforms.

9. Officers shall promptly report any accident with an injury involving a department bicycle to their supervisor.

10. The patrol bicycle shall be transported using a department issued vehicle bicycle rack.

10.06.6 TRAINING

Officers shall complete an initial department approved bicycle training course prior to assignment to the bicycle patrol. The initial training shall minimally include the following:

A. Bicycle patrol strategies;

B. Bicycle safety and accident prevention;

C. Operational tactics and techniques using bicycles.

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