

City of Johns Creek Police Department

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PURPOSE:

To provide general policies and procedures for the administration and operation of a Bicycle Patrol Unit. This unit is assigned to the Community Services Unit.

POLICY: (02-16)

The Johns Creek Police Department shall implement and staff a Bicycle Patrol Unit. This unit is to serve as an effective force in the prevention of crime, enforcement of state laws and local ordinances, and operate primarily in the neighborhoods and business districts (including the Shopping Centers, City Parks, and any Greenways). The unit shall also serve to control pedestrian traffic at special events (i.e.; road races, neighborhood block parties, etc.).

PROCEDURES:

Primary Functions of the Bicycle Unit (02-16-01)

To engage in pro-active law enforcement activities, and enable officers to interact with the general public. This unit is assigned general patrol type duties as well as specialized patrol tasks.

1. The Special Operations Captain has the general overall responsibilities for the administration and operation of this unit. This is considered a specialized assignment.
2. Personnel who participate in the bicycle patrol unit will do so on a voluntary type basis and selected through the specialized assignment selection process.
3. Personnel who participate in the bicycle patrol unit should be in good physical condition and be able to meet the minimum riding requirements of the position.

General Patrol (02-16-02)

Officers engaged in the bicycle patrol unit will perform general patrol tasks and functions, and may be assigned to patrol residential and commercial areas for security checks and enforcement of state and local laws. Officers may engage in traffic enforcement such as stop sign violations, etc.

Training (02-16-03)

1. Officers will demonstrate their physical endurance operating the bicycle prior to his or her selection to the unit.
2. Each officer should have a basic knowledge of the maintenance necessary to maintain the safe operation of his/her bicycle.

3. Newly assigned officers shall complete an IPMBA or other POST recognized Police Cyclist Course within their first year of assignment.
3. Newly assigned officers shall complete 40 hours of on-the-job training with a current member of the bicycle patrol unit, as designated by the Special Operations Captain.
4. Officers of the bicycle patrol unit should also attend formal training courses and refresher training when available.

Specialized Patrol (02-16-04)

1. Officers may be assigned to special enforcement or functions which necessitate the need for a law enforcement officer. They include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Crowd control; and
 - b. Parades/Road races or any large outdoor type functions.
 - c. Patrol designated areas which have been targeted as having a moderate/high number of incidents involving criminal activity. This is for the purpose of criminal apprehension and to provide high profile security.
2. Officers may be assigned to patrol or participate in special programs at local area schools, churches, or other special requests which are made of the unit. This particular function of the unit will assist the Department in promoting stronger community relationships.
3. The officers assigned to bicycle patrol/community services will be assigned activities involving PACT and Business Watch Programs.

Arrest Procedures (02-16-05)

It will be necessary for the bicycle patrol officer to make arrangements for all in custody arrests to be transported by a marked uniform patrol vehicle. This vehicle will transport the bicycle officer and the arrestee to the Detention Center to complete the booking procedure. After the arrest/booking procedure is complete, the bicycle officer should return to his/her normal patrol duties or to their designated assignment.