

<b>P.O. 1118 Mounted Patrol Unit</b>			
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**P.O. 1118 – Mounted Patrol Unit**

**1. PURPOSE**

- i) The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use of uniformed mounted patrol troopers (MPTs). Troopers who have completed the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) Mounted Training Program may be allowed to provide mounted police protection to the visitors and citizens of the state, further public relations, and provide high visibility in assigned areas in a uniformed mounted capacity at the discretion of the Troop N Commander, upon approval of the Superintendent.

**2. TERMINOLOGY**

- i) Mounted Patrol Trooper (MPT) - Trooper who has passed the current Department approved mounted training course and is certified to ride mounted horses on duty.
- ii) Mount - A mounted trained horse owned or utilized by the City of New Orleans.
- iii) Inclement Weather - Temperature readings below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or its equivalent considering wind chill factor, heavy rain or rain accompanied by lightning and high winds, or heat index at or in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

**3. MOUNTED PATROL UNIT COMMAND AND TROOPER SELECTION**

- i) The Troop N Commander will serve as the LSP Mounted Unit Commander and will select all MPTs.

**4. DEPLOYMENT**

- i) When approved, mounted troopers will deploy for purposes and events in the city of New Orleans, focusing their deployments in the Troop N areas of responsibility.

**5. INJURIES**

- i) If a civilian sustains an injury which was caused by a mount, MPTs shall notify the on-duty Troop N supervisor immediately.
- ii) The MPT shall be responsible for calling for timely aid or assistance to the injured party.
- iii) The responding supervisor will be responsible for completing the necessary report forms before the end of his/her tour of duty.

**6. RESTRICTIONS**

- i) The leather riding crop shall only be used to control the mount.
- ii) MPTs shall not enter buildings or businesses with their mount unless responding to a life-threatening situation or he/she is ordered to do so by a supervisor due to exigent circumstances.

**7. EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS**

- i) Only troopers assigned to the Mounted Patrol Unit or who have completed the current mounted training course may operate trucks and trailers assigned to the Mounted Patrol Unit unless authorized by the Troop N Commander.

**8. CERTIFICATIONS**

- i) Department approved mounted trainers will conduct all training, certification, and re-certification.
- ii) Troopers who have completed the initial mounted training are required to participate and complete the Department approved mounted re-certification process annually.
- iii) Certification will be to the standards approved and adopted by the Department.
- iv) The mounted supervisor will maintain a record of all training and deployments.
- v) MPTs that transfer from Troop N will be allowed to maintain their certification by attending the required training every other month.