## LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS AND GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL General Order Number: Effective Date: Section: **OPERATIONS** SEPTEMBER 2022 204 Title: MOTORCYCLE PATROL Accreditation Standards: OPR.01.08 Review Date: Total Pages: Chief of Police: JANUARY 2024 1

## I. MOTORCYCLE PATROL

- A. The Department utilizes on-road police motorcycles as the vehicles for traffic enforcement officers. The police motorcycle is the most effective vehicle when traffic enforcement in heavily congested traffic patterns is needed. The motorcycle officer's primary function will focus on the traffic problems within the Town.
- B. The police motorcycle will be utilized for, but is not limited to, the following duties:
  - 1. Enforcement of motor vehicle and traffic laws;
  - 2. Point traffic control;
  - 3. Parking enforcement;
  - 4. Escorts:
  - 5. Technical traffic survey studies;
  - 6. Traffic safety seminars.
- C. An officer assigned to a motorcycle will be responsible for its condition and maintenance. Mechanical problems shall be directed to the Town of Leesburg Fleet Maintenance Supervisor for repair.
- D. Motor officers must possess a driver's license which contains a motorcycle endorsement. Motor officers must successfully complete a basic police motorcycle operations course as determined by the Chief of Police or designee and attend refresher training annually.
- E. The Traffic Management Unit supervisor is responsible for overseeing the traffic enforcement function and all the duties described in section B., above.
- F. The motorcycles will be operated in accordance with the following guidelines;
  - 1. The operator will call for assistance from a patrol cruiser if the operator encounters a violator that attempts to flee. See General Order 205 Pursuit of Motor Vehicles;
  - 2. The operator will wear a helmet with a fastened chinstrap and eye protection;
  - 3. All equipment necessary for traffic enforcement will be kept on the motorcycle i.e.; traffic vests, whistle, accident forms, and traffic summonses, etc;
  - 4. The motorcycle shall not be utilized when weather or road conditions are adverse to safe operation;
  - 5. At no time will a passenger be carried;
  - 6. At no time will the operator smoke while on the motorcycle.