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### A. Policy

In order to operate a *Department* motorcycle, *officers must* be accepted into the motorcycle training program and successfully complete a series of trainings and classifications. Continued demonstration of safe operating techniques and proficiency is required to maintain status as a motorcycle *officer*.

### B. Classification

**Trainee:** An *officer* who has been accepted into the *Department's* motorcycle program and is an active participant of a basic motorcycle training program.

**Motor Officer:** An *officer* who has successfully completed the basic motorcycle training program and is currently assigned to the motorcycle program.

### C. Authorized Motorcycle Operators

1. In order to operate a *Department* motorcycle, an *officer must* maintain and successfully complete the following:
  - a. An Arizona driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement issued from the Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division or *must* be obtained at the end of the training period.
  - b. Successfully complete an *AZ POST* or comparable *AZ POST* Police motorcycle training program approved by the *Chief of Police*.
  - c. Have received at minimum an overall 4 "Consistently on Target" rating in the last rating period.
  - d. *Must* meet the *Department's* uniform appearance standards.
2. A trainee in the motor training program can only ride the motorcycle while participating in the motorcycle training program, or directly to and from the motorcycle training program.



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3. *Officers* assigned to the motorcycle program *will* adhere to the following guidelines and expectations:
  - a. Only operate the *Department* motorcycle between sunrise and sunset.
    - 1) Winter months *will* be 0600 to 1800 hours.
  - b. Participate in the STEP details throughout the year.
  - c. Participate in the DUI details throughout the year.
  - d. Have a consistently high level of traffic activity.
  - e. Assist in traffic enforcement training.
  - f. Assist in traffic collision training.
  - g. Assist in DUI enforcement training.
  - h. Assist in maintaining the Intoxilyzer 9000.
  - i. Take all collisions while *on duty* unless approved otherwise by the *on duty supervisor*.
  - j. Any other detail/function as directed by the *Chief of Police*.

#### D. Continual Training

1. A motorcycle *officer shall* attend at least one proficiency training class quarterly, approved by the *Chief*, to assess their skills in riding the *Department* motorcycle and successfully complete that training.
2. A motorcycle *officer* failing any proficiency training *shall* be placed on "probation" and not allowed to operate a *Department* motorcycle until that *officer* successfully passes the proficiency training with a certified motorcycle instructor approved by the *Chief of Police*.



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#### E. Operation of *Department* motorcycle

1. Currently, operating a *Department* motorcycle *will* be on a PART-TIME basis.
  - a. *Department* motorcycles *will* be kept at the Police Station when not being used during the *shift*. They *will* not be considered "take home vehicles" at this time, unless approved by the *Chief of Police*.
  - b. While operating a *Department* motorcycle, *Officers will* still respond and cover their assigned beat.
  - c. If the *officer* is not assigned a beat, the *officer will* concentrate on traffic enforcement in high collision areas, areas of any other traffic related complaints (i.e. bicyclists, parking violations, speeders, school zone enforcement) or at the discretion of the *on duty supervisor*.
2. *Department* motorcycles operators *shall* not be involved in any pursuits.
3. *Department* motorcycles *will* not be operated during inclement weather.
  - a. If there is inclement weather prior to start of *shift* and the *officer* has taken the *Department* motorcycle home, the *officer will* drive his own personal vehicle into work and drive a marked patrol vehicle.
  - b. If inclement weather occurs during *shift*, the *officer will* drive immediately to the station and use a marked patrol vehicle. This is to include rain and extreme temperatures.
    - 1) If the inclement weather is heat related, the *officer* can take the motorcycle home if approved by the *on duty supervisor*.
4. While operating a *Department* motorcycle, the *officer SHALL* wear their DOT approved helmet at all times.
5. The *Officer will* adhere to all *Department* vehicle policies for the care of the motorcycle.
  - a. *Officers will* check to make sure all their emergency lights and siren are in working order.



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- b. *Officers will check the tire pressure of both tires before starting their shift.*
- c. *Officers will plug the Department motorcycle into the approved charging station at the end of shift or during shift as needed.*
- d. *Officers will clean the motorcycle prior to the start of shift.*

#### F. Compliance Exemption Requests

- 1. Requests for exemption from compliance with this *order shall* be submitted to the *Chief of Police* for approval. Former motorcycle operators applying for reinstatement to the motorcycle program after one year of inactivity *will* be required to successfully complete the "Basic Motorcycle Training Course" approved by the *Chief of Police*.