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Wilkesboro Police Department

Electronic Written Directives Document

I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes the personnel, equipment and training requirements for the successful operation of bicycle units.

II. POLICY

Bicycle patrols are a resource designed to assist patrol in policing high-density areas utilizing specialized equipment and training. Bicycle patrols will form problem-solving partnerships with the community, actively patrol areas not accessible to vehicles, and focus on those problems of disorder which impact communities as a whole.

III. COMPOSITION AND SELECTION

- A. The Division Captain is authorized to approve additional personnel to the division's bicycle patrol unit as needed based on the allotted positions.
- B. Officers selected for this assignment must meet the qualifications of Directive 200-4 Section V. G. for a specialized assignment.

IV. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

- A. Officers will ride in a safe manner consistent with their training.
- B. Officers will wear the following equipment when riding:
 - 1. Approved safety helmet
 - 2. Approved bicycle gloves
- C. All bicycle officers will ride in accordance with state law.

V. EQUIPMENT

- A. Bicycle patrol officers will be issued the equipment and uniforms approved by the Department upon successful completion of training, and must carry all required and necessary equipment at all times while on duty.

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- B. When an officer assigned to a bicycle patrol unit leaves or is no longer assigned to the unit, he/she will turn in all issued bicycle patrol equipment and uniforms to the Quartermaster.
- C. Bicycle patrol officers will report lost, damaged, or worn out equipment by generating a Equipment Request Form through their chain of command. After chain of command approval, the memo will be forwarded to the Quartermaster to facilitate replacement. Lost equipment will be handled according to department policy.
- D. Bicycle patrol officers will keep their bicycles in good working order. Repairs that are beyond the capabilities of a bicycle officer will be completed by an approved vendor.
- E. Acquisition of bicycle uniforms and/or equipment by means other than through the Department will have prior approval from the Division Captain.

VI. TRAINING

- A. Successful completion of the Basic Bicycle Certification Course is required within six (6) months of appointment to a bicycle patrol unit.
- B. The Patrol Division Captain may authorize additional training as needed.

VII. REFERENCES

CALEA 33.6.1 and 41.1.3