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The purpose of the Division's Bicycle Patrol program is to provide highly visible community-oriented patrol. The program is intended to place officers physically in local parks, and on bike trails, where they can deter criminal activity by increased visibility and enforcement in those areas.

- III. Requirements

- A. Physical Condition - Officers must be physically able to ride a bicycle for an entire shift, if required.
- B. Patrol Experience - Bicycle Patrol officers must have completed the Field Training Program before being allowed to patrol on a bicycle.
- C. Commitment - Officers must be willing to ride the bicycle the majority of the time when staffing, schedules, deployment and weather allow.
- D. Training - Prior to riding a bicycle, an officer must successfully complete a police bicycle training program. The training includes riding a mountain bike, policing by mountain bike, bicycle maintenance, officer safety and bicycle laws and regulations.

- IV. Selection and Supervision

- A. Selection of officers for this program will be based on the following:
 - 1. Demonstration of initiative in performing the enforcement duties of a police officer.
 - 2. Physical ability to complete the required training program and perform effectively as a bicycle patrol officer.
- B. Supervision
 - 1. Officers utilizing bicycles will be under the direct supervision of their established chain of command.
 - 2. The Patrol Commander will select a Sergeant/Officer in Charge to manage the Bicycle Patrol program and be responsible, in part, for the purchasing of equipment and uniforms and compiling program statistics.

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