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- I. Purpose

This Directive establishes regulations, guidelines and procedures for the Division's horsemounted, motorcycle, and marine operations.

- II. Horsemounted Operations

- A. The Division will utilize police horses for patrol of areas which are inaccessible to motorized vehicles or impractical to foot patrol; selective enforcement of traffic and crowd control; searches of wooded areas; special events and urban park patrol.
- B. If the weather conditions deteriorate after an officer has begun a tour of duty, the officer will, as soon as possible, return to the Special Operations facility to obtain a conventional patrol vehicle.

NOTE: Officers must notify the Special Operations O.I.C. prior to leaving their assigned patrol area.

- C. While emergency circumstances may require deployment under extreme weather conditions, Division horses should not be utilized when heavy rain, snow, sleet or any other precipitation causes footing too unsafe for horses or the safe operation of the truck and trailer. When the temperature falls below freezing (32 degrees F), or extreme heat conditions exist, riding will become discretionary for regular patrol.

- III. Motorcycle Operations

- A. Motorcycle patrol operation is to provide a viable method for patrolling the extensive hiker/biker trail system and other areas of limited accessibility within the park system.
- B. Division motorcycles shall not be utilized:
 - 1. In heavy fog;
 - 2. When precipitation causes the roads to become slippery;
 - 3. When patches of snow or ice remain from previous storms; or
 - 4. When high winds interfere with the safe operation of the motorcycle.
- C. If weather conditions deteriorate after an officer's tour of duty has begun, the officer will, as soon as possible, return to the Special Operations Section to obtain a conventional patrol vehicle.

NOTE: Officers must notify the Special Operations O.I.C. prior to leaving their assigned patrol area.

- D. The use of Division motorcycles during periods when the temperature is below 32 degrees, or the humidity is 90 or above, will be at the discretion of the on-duty supervisor.

IV. Marine Operations

- A. The Marine unit is responsible for patrolling Little Seneca Lake at Black Hill Regional Park. The marine patrol objectives are to prevent drowning and boating accidents, enforce the fish and game laws and applicable park regulations, regulate public boating through registration checks, and to promote water safety.
- B. Only the following personnel will be allowed to operate the marine patrol boat:
 - 1. Certified marine officers.
 - 2. Approved boat mechanics.
- C. The Division's Search & Rescue/Cadaver K9 handler and dog, when certified in water search and recovery operations, will be allowed on the marine patrol boat for the purpose of training and official business when authorized by the Special Operations O.I.C.
- D. Only marine trained Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officers will be allowed on the marine patrol boat with Park Police officers. No other passengers will be allowed on the boat without valid reason or without the permission of the Special Operations O.I.C.
- E. Use of the Division's boat is authorized only for official police business. Any other use must be authorized in writing by the Chief, Park Police Division, or designee.
- F. Marine patrol staffing will consist of one certified marine officer. Assignment of additional personnel will be at the discretion of the Special Operations O.I.C.
- G. In an emergency situation a marine officer may require the assistance of other Division personnel, DNR officers, fire department personnel, or Commission maintenance staff. Prior to deploying with additional personnel, the marine officer will notify Communications of the number of passengers and the reason for deployment.
- H. The marine patrol will be activated on or near April 1 and end on or near September 30 of each calendar year.
- I. The Division's boat will not be utilized for routine marine patrols:
 - 1. In heavy fog;
 - 2. When high winds interfere with the safe operation of the boat or sustained wind speeds exceed 35 mph; or
 - 3. When in the opinion of the marine officer or Special Operations O.I.C., conditions prohibit the safe operation of the boat.

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