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POLICY & PROCEDURE

POLICE MOTORCYCLE OPERATIONS

Policy Number: OPS-6.33

REFERENCE: Cruiser ID sheet

Accreditation Standards: 41.1.3; 41.3.1 - 2

Mass. Gen. Law:

Other:

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief Thomas", written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Effective Date: May 10, 2009

Revised Date:

POLICY:

The Truro Police Department utilizes a police motorcycle for the purposes of increasing visibility, fuel conservation, increasing traffic safety awareness and for special assignments or functions. As such, the use of the police motorcycle is limited and shall be used within the guidelines set forth in this policy as well as other policies and orders of the department.

PROCEDURES:

1. The Fleet Maintenance Officer will assure that the department motorcycle is properly maintained and serviced. The following equipment will be assigned to the motorcycle:
 - a. Emergency lights and siren
 - b. Flares
 - c. First Aid kit
2. Each assigned officer authorized to operate the police motorcycle shall complete the Monthly TPD Cruiser Check Sheet and forward it to the Fleet Maintenance Officer as per the TPD Vehicle Readiness and Use Policy.

3. The motorcycle may be used on patrol if the following conditions are met:
 - a. No inclement weather forecasted or occurring
 - b. Good road conditions
 - c. Two or more officers on duty
 - d. Between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM
4. The Police Motorcycle may not be used:
 - a. When one officer is working
 - b. On unpaved roads
 - c. To transport anyone
 - d. During pursuits
 - e. To assist in pursuit operations
 - f. During other conditions as deemed by the OIC
5. Officers using the police motorcycle will respond to calls as if he/she were in a regular police cruiser.
6. Only those officers that maintain a Massachusetts motorcycle license, successfully completed a Police Motorcycle Operator's course and have been authorized by the Chief of Police may operate the department motorcycle. An officer may operate the motorcycle for orientation or training purposes prior to attending the motorcycle course.
7. The Chief of Police will maintain a list of those employees eligible to utilize the motorcycle. Those employees will be furnished and shall wear with the following equipment when operating the police motorcycle:
 - a. Motorcycle Helmet
 - b. Eye protection
 - c. Motorcycle Breeches
 - d. Motorcycle Boots
 - e. Gloves
 - f. Reflectorized clothing
8. An incident will be created each time the police motorcycle is used. The incident will be listed under general dept information

Related Policy Excerpts:

- No officer operating a police motorcycle may engage or participate in any pursuit operations. (Added May 10, 2009) (OPS-6.00)
- The department utilizes a utility trailer which serves also as a speed “radar display” unit. This trailer is placed in areas of Truro as assigned. (see below) *(Revised September 30, 2004)*. The department utilized a police motorcycle for traffic functions and special assignments. See OPS-6.33 – Police Motorcycle Operations. *(Added April 30, 2009)*