5-05/010.50 - Motorcycle Traffic Enforcement

As part of contract services, cities may contract for Motorcycle Traffic Enforcement. The following procedures provide consistency, reduce liability, and aid unit commanders in developing and maintaining motorcycle traffic units at their stations/units.

Motorcycle Program Required Training - Beginning Program

Personnel selected/assigned to the motorcycle program shall attend an 80-hour P.O.S.T. approved basic motorcycle course. Upon satisfactory completion of this course, candidates shall be assigned to a P.O.S.T. certified instructor for a street break-in period of 20 working days. Instructors shall submit written evaluations on each candidate at weekly intervals.

Evaluations will be utilized to determine if further training or termination from the program is warranted. Candidates must successfully complete both phases of training to be assigned to a motorcycle patrol position.

Motorcycle Program Required Training - Recurrent/Recertification Training

Quarterly, all motor deputies shall be required to complete recurrent training exercises as determined by the Motorcycle Enforcement sergeant assigned to the Training Bureau’s Motorcycle Training Unit and the Motor Reserve Coordinator assigned to Special Enforcement Bureau.

Deputies failing to successfully complete a quarterly training course shall be placed with an instructor for an eight-hour period. The deputy shall be given remedial training to meet standards. If the deputy is still unable to pass the recertification course, an individual course of action shall be developed at the direction of the unit commander and coordinated with the Motorcycle Enforcement sergeant.

Selection

To be considered for the program, a deputy:

- Must be able to place both feet on the ground while sitting on a Departmental motorcycle (27801 (a) C.V.C) and, while straddling, back the motorcycle up a 6% incline;
- Must be able to right a fallen Department motorcycle weighing approximately 650-700 pounds;
- Must have successfully completed patrol training;
- Must have received a competent or better evaluation for the previous two years,
- Must possess a valid class A4" or “M” drivers license;
- Must be able to competently and safely perform all skills required by the position;
- Must have completed the Department’s Basic Traffic Investigation and Radar Courses; and
- Must have been previously assigned to a traffic unit for a minimum of six months.

Motorcycle Enforcement Sergeant and Reserve Motorcycle Coordinator

The Training Bureau’s Motorcycle Training Unit shall be responsible for training, supervision, records, emergency mobilizations and expertise with regard to motorcycle traffic enforcement. The Training Bureau’s Motorcycle Training Unit will conduct annual inspections of motorcycle programs to be incorporated into unit

command inspections records. The Motorcycle Enforcement sergeant shall liaison with the appropriate bureaus and stations/units to accomplish these tasks. The Training Bureau's Motorcycle Training Unit shall maintain a Motorcycle Policy and Procedures Manual. Deputies beginning the street break-in phase of training shall be provided with a copy of this manual.

The reserve motorcycle coordinator shall be responsible for the training, supervision, records, and emergency mobilizations of reserve personnel assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau.