02-003 Off Road Motorcycle Enforcement

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

FIELD OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE

Field Operations Support Services

OFF ROAD MOTORCYCLE ENFORCEMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide procedures for units establishing and maintaining Off Road Motorcycle Enforcement programs. These programs augment a patrol station's ability to address off road nuisance problems and special enforcement

OPERATION AND DEPLOYMENT

The goal of the Off Road Motorcycle Enforcement program is to deter off road nuisance problems by deploying personnel to issue citations and deter violators who ride off road vehicles in unapproved areas. Their ability to drive in areas normally not associated with vehicles makes them useful in directed patrol and special operations requiring their special adaptability and maneuverability.

MOTORCYCLE PROGRAM REQUIRED TRAINING-BEGINNING PROGRAM

Personnel selected/assigned to perform off road motorcycle enforcement shall attend an eighty hour Department sponsored, P.O.S.T. approved, Dual Purpose Motorcycle Course.

SELECTION

To be considered for the program, a deputy:

- Must be able to place both feet on the ground while sitting on a Department motorcycle (27801(a) C.V.C.).
- Must be able to right a fallen Department motorcycle weighing approximately 350- 400 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 "4" or "M1" driver's license.
- Must be able to competently and safely perform all skills required by the position.

RECURRENT/ RE-CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Quarterly, all deputies assigned to off road motorcycle enforcement duties shall be required to complete recurrent training exercises as determined by the Department Motorcycle Sergeant.

Deputies failing to successfully complete a quarterly training course shall be placed with an instructor for a period of eight hours. The deputy shall be given recurrent training to enable them to pass re-certification. If the deputy is still unable to pass the re-certification course, an individual course of action shall be developed at the direction of the Unit Commander and coordinated with the Department Motorcycle Sergeant.

DEPARTMENT MOTORCYCLE SERGEANT

The Department Motorcycle Sergeant shall be responsible for training, supervision, records, emergency mobilizations, and expertise with regard to off road motorcycle enforcement. The Department Motorcycle Sergeant shall have limited functional supervision over all personnel assigned to motorcycle duties. The Department Motorcycle Sergeant shall maintain a Motorcycle Guidelines Manual. Deputies shall be provided with a copy of this manual upon completion on the Dual Purpose Motorcycle Course.