Unit Order 67- Rescue Bicycles

PURPOSE OF ORDER:
The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for operating and maintaining safety while using bicycles (including electric bicycles) assigned to Altadena Station.
SCOPE OF ORDER:
This order applies to all Altadena Station Mountain Rescue Team personnel who have successfully completed the Eight-Hour Bicycle Patrol Tactics Course.
ORDER:
Bicycles are a tool with the capability to traverse narrow trails as well as allowing rescue personnel to better connect with the public in wilderness areas.
As non-full-time riders, personnel SHALL successfully complete the Eight-Hour Bicycle Patrol Tactics Course (per manual of Policy and Procedures 02-011).
Personnel SHALL wear an appropriate helmet at all times while riding a bicycle (per manual of Policy and Procedures 3-03/020.00). Riders SHALL wear clothing that identifies them as members of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department (LASO) Search and Rescue Team. Personnel SHOULD avoid riding bicycles on trails or roads for which they are otherwise prohibited.
Bicycles SHALL be inspected before and after each use. Before deploying on a bicycle mission, the personnel SHOULD ensure they have an inflationary device, a spare tube and a bicycle specific multi-tool on their person for field repairs as needed.
Bicycles SHOULD have an attached bell that warns others when they cannot be easily seen.