

PATROL

SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define and outline the operation and use of the North Little Rock Police Department's special purpose vehicles. This policy will provide guidelines for the authorization of use, including conditions and limitations. Additionally, this policy will outline the qualifications, training, and equipment for special purpose vehicles.

Policy Statement: It is the policy of the North Little Rock Police Department to maintain certain special purpose vehicles. These vehicles are necessary to provide specialized services to the community regularly as well as during emergencies and special events.

Summary of Changes:

Procedures:

1. Selection for Police Bicycles

- 1.1 Involvement with the bike patrol is a voluntary activity.
 - 1.1.1 Officers interested in participating with the bike patrol shall send an interdepartmental communication up their chain of command advising of the interest in the bike patrol.
 - 1.1.2 All qualified and interested officers are encouraged to apply whenever training is made available.
 - 1.1.3 A specialized state-certified bike course must be passed before conducting any bike patrol on shift.
- 1.2 General selection criteria for bike patrol: [CALEA 46.2.2]
 - 1.2.1 Selection criteria can include but are not limited to, disciplinary history, physical agility, previous training, and experience.

2. Police Bicycles

- 2.1 Department bicycles will be used by patrol officers during special events, regular patrol activities, and directed patrol or as directed by a supervisor. Officers will request authorization from a supervisor before the use of bicycles. [CALEA 41.1.3a]
- 2.2 The Area Commander or designee is responsible for the proper storage and maintenance of all bikes assigned to his/her substation. [CALEA 41.1.3c]
- 2.3 All bicycles will be equipped with adequate lighting for operation during hours of darkness. Officers will inspect the bike before use to ensure proper functioning. Officers utilizing a department bicycle are required to wear a department-approved helmet. [CALEA 41.1.3d]

3. SWAT BearCat Armored Vehicle

- 3.1 A specially designed vehicle used during tactical operations as authorized by the SWAT Commander. [CALEA 41.1.3a]
- 3.2 An operator must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license and complete an in house specialized orientation course. [CALEA 41.1.3b]
- 3.3 Maintenance of the vehicle is the responsibility of the SWAT Commander or designee and will coordinate through the department's fleet manager. [CALEA 41.1.3c]
- 3.4 The SWAT Commander or designee will maintain an inspection form regarding the vehicle and verify the information semi-annually. [CALEA 41.1.3d]

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