



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

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POLICY:

The Racine Police Department has a procedure that offers guidance to the use of a police mountain bike. This procedure is designed to set limits as to who may operate it as well as under what circumstances it may be operated. The use of the police mountain bike will enhance the image and visibility of our agency, yet the procedure will ensure no unnecessary risks are taken by operators.

PROCEDURE:

1. The Department mountain bikes may only be operated under the following circumstances:
 - a. As the primary or secondary patrol vehicle of a qualified mountain bike operator during his or her workshift - weather permitting.
 - b. When the qualified mountain bike operator is wearing the approved mountain bike operator's uniform and special equipment as prescribed in Procedure #1301 (Standard Police Uniform Specifications).
 - c. Only after having inspected the mountain bike for:
 - 1) Functional rechargeable lighting system and rear bike bag.
 - 2) Appropriate tire pressure and tires free from excessive wear, cuts, or bulges.
 - 3) Safe brakes.
 - 4) Should the inspection show any defects that make the mountain bike unserviceable, the bike should be deadlined and written up with the appropriate defects indicated.
 - d. If the mountain bike is still safe to operate, and has minor issues that can be addressed later, those issues need to be detailed in a Bike Repair Form for follow-up by the mountain bike coordinator.

MOUNTAIN BIKE COORDINATOR:

1. The care and upkeep (beyond normal driving care issues) is the responsibility of the Department designated mountain bike coordinator.
 - a. He or she shall be responsible for coordinating the initial and annual re-certification of the qualified mountain bike operators.
 - b. He or she shall maintain any logbooks related to the care and maintenance of the Department mountain bikes, working with the maintenance contractors responsible for bike repairs.
 - c. He or she shall be responsible to the Patrol Division Commander on matters directly related to the Department's mountain bike program.

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