



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS

SOP 1-21 (Formerly 4-14)

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1-21 BICYCLE PATROL

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

A. Related SOP(s)

None

B. Form(s)

None

C. Other Resource(s)

None

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

1-21-1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe the roles and responsibilities of Bicycle Patrol certified sworn personnel while they patrol on bicycle, respond to calls for service, assist with the reduction of property crimes, and create positive contacts with community members.

1-21-2 Policy

It is the policy of the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) to use Bicycle Patrol certified sworn personnel to assist their area commands when possible. The Bicycle Patrol certified sworn personnel will assist with the reduction of property crimes, creation of positive community member contacts and to reduce street crimes.

N/A 1-21-3 Definitions

None

7 1-21-4 Rules and Responsibilities

A. A Bicycle Patrol certified officer shall:

1. Successfully complete a Department-approved police cyclist course;
2. Be responsible for responding to calls for service in their assigned areas of patrol;
3. Be responsible for patrolling areas with high pedestrian traffic and congestion;



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4. Be responsible for making positive community member contacts in their assigned areas of patrol and attend community events within their assigned area command;
5. Notify the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) when they change their area of patrol; and
6. When making an arrest, be responsible for completing all paperwork necessary for the arrest, including but not limited to:
 - a. The Uniform Incident Report
 - b. A Pre-Booking Worksheet
 - c. A Criminal Complaint

B. Supervisors

Day shift lieutenants shall conduct monthly inspections of Department-issued bicycles.

C. Bicycle Repairs and Maintenance

1. A Bicycle Patrol certified officer shall ensure that their bicycle is maintained and in good working order.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the Bicycle Patrol certified officer to report any maintenance issues through their chain of command immediately.
2. A Bicycle Patrol certified officer may perform basic repairs of their bicycle in accordance with their training, including, but not limited to, changing out tires and oiling the bicycle chain.
 - a. Any repairs and maintenance outside the officer's training shall be done by a City of Albuquerque-approved vendor/contractor or bicycle maintenance contract holder.