

Motorcycle Assigned to Traffic Enforcement

527.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The motorcycle officer's primary responsibilities are traffic enforcement and other related duties such as handling accident reports and investigations, and participation in traffic education and awareness programs.

It is the objective of the traffic motor section to insure, through enforcement and education, the smooth, safe movement of traffic within the city of Fontana.

527.2 AUTHORIZED OPERATORS

Only those officers who have successfully completed a P.O.S.T. certified motorcycle training course and who possess a valid Class M license, shall be allowed to operate a department-owned police motorcycle. Officers who have been selected to attend motorcycle school, may participate in supervised department training prior to attendance of the P.O.S.T. certified motorcycle training course.

527.2.1 OPERATION OF THE POLICE MOTORCYCLE

- (a) Officers shall operate the police motorcycle in accordance with state law and the departmental policies as outlined in this and other departmental general orders.
- (b) The police motorcycle is designed for the operator only, and no passengers shall be allowed on the motorcycle.
- (c) Officers shall not engage in traffic enforcement on police motorcycles when the weather makes such operation hazardous. During inclement weather, the motor officer will report for duty in the basic police officer uniform and will be assigned a police car.

527.2.2 PURSUITS AND CODE 3 OPERATION

The motorcycle officer may engage in the pursuit of a violator that he/she has attempted to stop, if the situation warrants such action. All emergency equipment shall be activated and the department policy regarding pursuits shall be followed.

The motorcycle officer shall discontinue the pursuit as soon as sufficient marked police unit(s) is/are in a position to safely take it over. The motorcycle officer shall then continue safely to the termination point for purposes of identification and documentation.

The motorcycle officer may respond Code Three to injury accidents when there are no other units in the area to respond and they will use all due caution, taking into account the traffic conditions and the limited visibility of a police motorcycle due to its small size.

527.3 EQUIPMENT

The following equipment shall be worn by the motorcycle officer when operating a police motorcycle:

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- (a) The motorcycle officer shall wear his/her department supplied helmet at all times when operating a police motorcycle.
- (b) The motorcycle officer shall wear full finger gloves when operating a police motorcycle.
- (c) The motorcycle officer shall wear eye protection when operating a police motorcycle. The eye protection lenses may be either clear or tinted for daylight use. They shall be clear for nighttime riding. Eye protection can include full face helmet windshield.
- (d) The motorcycle officer shall wear the black motorcycle or duty boots (SO 12-04).

527.3.1 EQUIPMENT CHANGES PROHIBITED

No additions, removal or alteration of any equipment shall be made unless it is approved by the chief of police or his designee. Any such modifications shall be completed by those person(s) or businesses authorized by the chief of police or his designee.

527.4 MAINTENANCE AND FUEL

- (a) Each officer is responsible for the following items of maintenance on their motorcycle.
 - 1. Tire inspection, done daily; inspect for undue wear and check for proper air inflation.
 - 2. Maintain a safe fluid level in the engine oil reservoir, transmission gear case, and brake fluid reservoir. This inspection is to be done daily, prior to starting the motorcycle.
 - 3. Inspection of the chain and sprockets or drive system is to be done once a week to insure they are adequately oiled and in good repair. Lubricate if necessary.
 - 4. A daily check for appearance will be done. Cleaning of the police motorcycle is the responsibility of the operator.
- (b) Traffic motor officers will be issued a Mobil Fastpass.
 - 1. Each officer is issued a Mobil fastpass with individual driver identification number. No receipts are needed.