



East Norriton Township Police Department

GENERAL ORDER 2.1.10

AUXILIARY POLICE VEHICLES

Subject:

Auxiliary Police Vehicles

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2.1.10 Auxiliary Police Vehicles

Auxiliary Police Vehicles defined: Any vehicle used by the Police Department for police duty which are not designated or equipped as police pursuit vehicles. The definition includes but is not limited to: SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, VANS, and MOTORCYCLES.

A. Police Motorcycles.

1. The East Norriton police officer assigned to a police motorcycle will focus on traffic concerns within the Township through patrol, education and enforcement.
2. The motorcycle officer must also respond to the needs of the duty supervisor who addresses concerns within the assigned area of patrol.
3. The motorcycle officer may be called upon to escort vehicles, VIP's, and participate in special events.
4. Requirements and Training:
 - a. Only departmentally qualified and certified police officers, approved by the Chief of Police, will be permitted to operate a Township owned/leased police motorcycle on patrol.
 - b. Officers must have an M Classification on their driver's license,
 - c. Initial training will include the two week comprehensive program conducted through the Montgomery County Police Chiefs' Association that follows the national standard set by the Northwestern/Harley-Davidson Basic Police Motorcycle Operators Course.
5. Safety and Equipment:
 - a. Officers must wear an issued DOT approved helmet while operating a police motorcycle.
 - b. Officers must wear gloves and protective eye wear while operating a police motorcycle.

- c. Officers must wear over-the-ankle footwear while operating a police motorcycle. Soft tennis/sneakers are not permitted.
- d. Officers must wear long pants while operating a police motorcycle.
- e. Officers are required to have in their possession their department authorized firearm, radio and other issued equipment operating a police motorcycle.

6. Maintenance:

- a. Maintenance and cleanliness of the motorcycles is the responsibility of each motor officer. The motorcycles shall be kept clean and properly maintained.
- b. Motor officers will be responsible for inspection of their assigned motorcycle in the same manner that they inspect patrol cars for damage or items that are in need of repair. Damaged or missing items will be reported on a Vehicle Inspection form and reported to the officer's Immediate Supervisor.
- c. Motor officers shall ensure motorcycle(s) are delivered to the approved maintenance shop for required maintenance when scheduled.

7. Hours and Limitations of Operation:

- a. Motorcycles will primarily be operated on "A" Shift. Operation during "B" Shift requires approval of the duty supervisor, and will not be permitted past 2300 hours. Motor officers must take into consideration the availability of marked patrol units and officers working.
- b. Motorcycles will not be used in adverse weather that can lead to slippery road conditions, excessively cold temperatures or snow. The Duty Sergeant or Chief of Police will make the final decision on the use of the motorcycles when the weather is questionable.

8. Motorcycle Involved Accidents:

- a. Police motorcycle accidents will be reported and investigated in accordance with Department Policy. (See)
- b. A copy of the accident report will be forwarded to the Motorcycle Instructor for complete review with a department Accident Investigator. If necessary, the Motorcycle Instructor will conduct remedial training with the motor officer involved in the crash.

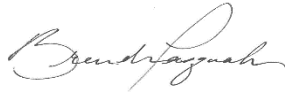
9. Escorts:

- a. The Chief of Police or designee may authorize police motorcycle escorts for the following situations: Public officials/dignitaries, oversized vehicles or vehicles containing hazardous cargo, funerals, officer retirements, and community policing events.
- b. The Chief of Police or designee at all times has the discretion to authorize or limit the use of the police motorcycles for any escort or event.
- c. The Duty Supervisor may authorize escorts for Emergency Vehicles when there is a medical emergency involving an extreme life-threatening situation. No motor officer shall escort an emergency vehicle without the approval of the Duty Supervisor.

d. All approved escorts will be conducted using a sufficient number of motorcycle officers to safely accomplish the task. The number of motor officers required will be determined by the officer coordinating the detail.

B. Only vehicles identified and designed as a pursuit vehicle may engage in police pursuits. (See G.O. 2.1.2./Pursuit of Motor Vehicles)

By order of:

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Brandon Pasquale
Chief of Police