

	<b>KENOSHA POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
	<b>POLICY AND PROCEDURE</b>			
	<b>41.1 Patrol</b>			
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## I. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to assist members of the Kenosha Police Department when performing patrol duties. Patrol is considered to be the primary law enforcement function and embraces much more than the act of patrolling. It is defined as a generalized function in which officers may engage in a variety of activities which can range from traditional response to requests for service to alternate strategies for the delivery of police services.

## II. POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the Kenosha Police Department to provide the most effective and efficient law enforcement service possible through 24 hour, 7 days a week coverage. Officers assigned to Patrol are generally in uniform and operate marked police vehicles.

## III. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Officers assigned to patrol duties have the following responsibilities:
1. Protect Life and Property
  2. Render Aid to the Injured
  3. Prevent Crime
  4. Preserve the Peace
  5. Apprehend Criminal Violators
  6. Recover Stolen Property
  7. Traffic Accident Investigation, Traffic Control and Direction
  8. Respond to and handle calls for service and provide service as required
  9. Preliminary investigation of all crimes and incidents unless otherwise specified
  10. Enforcement of Statutes, Ordinances and Traffic Laws
  11. Regulation of certain businesses or activities as required by law
  12. Follow-up investigations when feasible.

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- B. Officers assigned to the Patrol Division will be assigned to one of three shifts.
  - 1. First Shift.
  - 2. Second Shift.
  - 3. Third Shift.
  
- C. Officers assigned to patrol duties will be assigned their beat area prior to each day's tour of duty by the roll call Lieutenant/Sergeant. Officers assigned to a beat will not leave their beat unless:
  - 1. Directed to do so by the dispatcher or supervisor
  - 2. For emergency police business
  - 3. Going to and from lunch break with the acknowledgment of the dispatcher
  - 4. Going to and from the tour of duty
  - 5. Going to and from the police building on police related matters
  - 6. For follow-up investigation with acknowledgment of dispatcher.
  - 7. To assist another officer with the acknowledgment of dispatch.
  
- D. Officers assigned to vehicle patrol will check their vehicle prior to assuming their duties for the day. All damages will be reported to the supervisor immediately. Request for repairs will be reported on the Vehicle Report Sheet. (See Fleet Maintenance Policy and Procedure 17.2). No vehicle will be utilized in a tour of duty that is in an unsafe condition.
  
- E. Officers assigned to vehicle patrol will check all equipment in the vehicle to insure it is in operating condition, including all emergency response warning devices, in-car video camera, fire extinguishers, shotgun and ammunition, first aid kits, and flares.
  
- F. Officers will fill their patrol vehicles' gas tanks once during each tour of duty. The gas tank will be filled prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> hour of duty.
  
- G. Officers assigned to a vehicle patrol will be responsible to keep their vehicles and equipment in a clean and orderly condition and not cause any intentional damage to the vehicle.

#### **IV. ALTERNATIVE PATROLS**

- A. Bicycle Patrol
  - 1. The bicycle patrol provides visible police presence and police services to areas not accessible or as efficiently patrolled by other means. Officers are required to wear a protective helmet and proper attire when patrolling on the bicycle.
  - 2. An officer designated as a Bicycle Patrol Officer must have completed a Police Bicycle training course approved by the Kenosha Police Department.
  - 3. The Bicycle Patrol Officer shall ensure that their issued bicycle is in proper working condition and maintained as necessary.

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### B. Motorcycle Patrol

1. Motorcycle operators will be assigned as primary response units and will be responsible for the enforcement of traffic laws, traffic control, motorist assists, response to accidents and other incidents, which may require the mobility, or unique capabilities of motorcycles.
2. Motorcycles will only be operated by officers who have a Class M license and have successfully completed a Police Motorcycle training course approved by the Kenosha Police Department.
3. The motorcycle officer shall ensure that their motorcycle is in proper working condition and maintained as necessary.

### C. Foot Patrol

1. Foot patrol provides visible police presence and police services in a manner which encourages interaction between the officers and the community.
2. Foot patrols may be utilized during special events and at the direction of the Shift Commander or at the direction of the Chief of Police.