

Title: 4.03 Police Motorcycle Operation

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Policy:

It is the policy of the Glens Falls Police Department to maintain the highest level of integrity in its selection, training and operation of motorcycle personnel. This policy serves to provide procedures, guidelines and requirements which regulate the operation of Glens Falls Police Department motorcycles.

Purpose:

The purpose of the article is to establish a departmental policy and procedure for the use of police motorcycles and general duties of personnel assigned to the Motorcycle Unit.

Procedure:

- A. Authorized Uniform for Police Motorcycle Officers.
 1. The uniform shall consist of a standard short sleeve shirt or long sleeve shirt according to the standard uniform policy. The trousers shall be motorcycle breeches with high black leather motorcycle boots worn over the breeches. The jacket will be a black leather "Philadelphia" style motorcycle jacket. Police motorcycle uniform patches will be placed on the right shoulder of the shirt and jacket. A white and black DOT approved helmet shall be worn at all times during motorcycle operation. Police Officers helmets shall have a silver band and badge affixed. Supervisors shall have a gold band and badge affixed. The boots, jacket, breeches and complete helmet shall be provided by the Police Department to the officer.
 2. Motorcycle Officers are authorized to wear a silver or gold corresponding "winged wheel" pin (Blackinton item #A7097) placed ¼ inch, centered above the seam of the right breast pocket.
 3. Motorcycle Officers are authorized to wear a "GFPD Motorcycle Unit" baseball cap when assigned to motorcycle patrol and the motorcycle is not in operation.

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- B. Training.
 - 1. Members selected for the motorcycle unit must have a valid NYS driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement prior to selection.
 - 2. Members must successfully complete an authorized "Police Motorcycle Operator Course" prior to assignment.

- C. Equipment.
 - 1. Only motorcycles authorized by the Chief of Police may be used for patrol. Motorcycles currently in service shall be Harley Davidson Road King Police Motorcycles. The motorcycles should be serviced according to the manufactures specifications and only serviced by an authorized Harley Davidson service station.
 - 2. Motorcycles needing to be towed shall be towed only by an authorized tow company that has the capability of towing a motorcycle without causing damage to the motorcycle in the process.
 - 3. No unauthorized equipment or personal modifications shall be permitted on the motorcycles. This includes decals, stickers and tags except with the permission of the Chief of Police.
 - 4. When not in use, motorcycles shall be secured in the Cronin High-Rise garage located at the rear of 43 Ridge Street. When not in regular use, the motorcycle ignition and steering column shall be locked.
 - 5. When in motion, motorcycle officers shall wear eye protection and an issued DOT approved helmet. It is recommended that officers wear gloves during operation.
 - 6. Motorcycles shall be serviced according to the manufactures guidelines at an authorized dealer unless immediate repair is necessary. Any repair or electrical work performed by anyone other than the authorized dealer must be approved by the Chief of Police prior to being commenced.
 - 7. Police Motorcycles shall be kept clean and serviceable. Only premium fuel (93 – 94 % octane) shall be used.

- D. Operations.
 - 1. Police Motorcycles are considered patrol vehicles and may be assigned to regular duty patrol. Prior to assigning a motorcycle unit, there must be a minimum of two patrol cars assigned on the tour.
 - 2. Supervisors may assign motorcycles to patrol at their discretion based on the needs of the department, however, motorcycle officers should have a certain amount of discretion based on weather, fatigue or any other justifiable reason not to ride. If an officer continually declines to ride, the

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Chief may remove him from the motorcycle unit and the officer will turn in all issued equipment.

3. Motorcycles may be assigned to assist in details including parades, funerals or other public awareness functions. Officers may volunteer to do special details with the permission of the Chief of Police or his designee.



Authority:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Boisclair". The signature is cursive and stylized.

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