

**SENECA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER**

General Order: 585	Rescinds: 07/01/13
Subject: Bicycle Patrol	NYS Accreditation: 43.6
Effective Date: 06/26/2019	
By Order Of: Stuart W. Peenstra, Chief of Police	

I. PURPOSE

To establish procedure related to the use of bicycles for patrol.

II. POLICY

- A. The goal of the Seneca Falls Police Department's Uniform Bicycle Patrol is to advance a more innovative method of delivering police services. The use of suitably equipped bicycles, by properly trained officers, provides an important bridge between foot and motorized patrols.
- B. Trained officers may be deployed for bicycle patrol duty upon completion of the Seneca Falls Police Department's approved training program and when they are properly equipped for such duty.
- C. Members will perform their duties in full compliance with all Seneca Falls Police Department General Orders and within the guidelines set forth in their training.

III. QUALIFICATIONS and TRAINING

- A. Officers selected for bicycle patrol duty must be in good physical condition and must demonstrate their ability to perform all of the requirements associated with the approved bicycle training program.
- B. Officers may be required to submit to a physical examination by the police physician prior to being chosen to participate in the bike patrol program.
- C. The Uniform Bicycle Patrol Training Program will be approved and coordinated by the Chief of Police. The training will provide a combination of classroom, technical, and practical training for the officers. Officers must successfully complete all portions of the training program to be certified for bicycle duty and are required to attend scheduled in-service training sessions.
- D. The Training Division will be responsible for listing those officers trained as Bicycle Patrol Officers.

IV. COORDINATION and SUPERVISION

- A. The Chief of Police, shift supervisor or his designee shall have overall responsibility for the supervision and coordination of Bicycle Patrol activities.
- B. A list of authorized bicycle operators will be kept on file with the Seneca Falls Police Department's training officer.

V. EQUIPMENT

- A. Only authorized, issued bicycles may be used for uniformed bicycle patrol duty.
Assigned equipment is as follows but not limited to:

- Department Owned Bicycle
 - Foul weather gear
 - Gloves
 - Tool kit
 - Taillight Air pump Bike/car rack Headlight Helmet
 - Bike bag
- B.** Bicycle officers will be responsible for maintaining their assigned police bicycle and related police department issued equipment in proper working condition.
- C.** Members assigned to bicycle duties will, unless extenuating circumstances arise, secure their bicycles when not in use with the issued bike lock. A spare set of issued handcuffs may be used when conditions prevent the use of the issued bike lock.
- D.** The assigned police bicycles will be secured at the Seneca Falls Police Department when not in use.
- E.** Bicycles and related equipment will not be modified in any way without the express written authorization of the Chief of Police or supervisor.

VI. UNIFORM

- A.** Officers assigned to uniform bicycle patrol duty will wear the prescribed bicycle uniform.
- B.** Officers assigned to the uniform bicycle patrol will wear all issued protective and safety equipment while riding their assigned police bicycle. Protection and safety gear is to include: padded gloves, helmet, protective eye wear and approved footwear.
- C.** Officers will wear or carry all other required equipment, including an adequate supply of report forms.

VII. DEPLOYMENT

- A.** Bicycle Patrol Officers may be authorized for use in various situations by the shift sergeant to address any identified need of the Seneca Falls Police Department. This may include preventive and directed patrol which, in the best judgment of command staff, can best be managed by officers of the Uniformed Bicycle Patrol. **(43.6.C)**
- B.** Uniformed Bicycle Patrol Officers will be utilized when minimum staffing levels permit as determined by the shift supervisor.

**NOTE - When adequate manpower staffing allows, the on-duty supervisor may authorize a bicycle patrol officer to begin his tour of duty from the Seneca Falls Police Department without the encumbrance of a patrol vehicle.*