



SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTIVE



510.58 BICYCLE PATROL DEPLOYMENT 1-31-23

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Communications Directive is to provide direction to Communications personnel for the dispatch of bicycle patrol units to calls for service.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Communications Division to dispatch bicycle units in accordance with General Order 510.04 (Dispatching Sequence of Assignment).

DEFINITION

A. BICYCLE PATROL UNITS

1. The Sacramento Police Department assigns officers to patrol on bicycles in Old Sacramento, the downtown business and entertainment areas. The general boundaries are the following:
 - a. Northern Boundary: Jibboom Street at the I Street Bridge, and north side of H Street.
 - b. Southern Boundary: north side of N Street.
 - c. Eastern Boundary: west side of 16th Street.
 - d. Western Boundary: Sacramento River.
2. At the direction of a patrol supervisor, bicycle patrol units maybe assigned to other areas of the City.
3. The CAD and radio identifier for the bicycle patrol is "BIK".
4. Bicycle patrol units work various shifts which may be subject to change.
5. Generally, at least two officers are assigned to each shift.

PROCEDURE

B. RADIO DISPATCHER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The radio dispatcher shall dispatch bicycle units as the primary units for all calls within the bicycle beat area.
2. The radio dispatcher shall raise bicycle patrol units prior to dispatching them.
3. If no response is received, the dispatcher shall use three alert tones to gain the attention of the bicycle unit(s) prior to verbally dispatching them to an incident.
4. Some bicycle units have access to an MDC. It is acceptable to attempt to notify a bicycle unit of a pending call via MDC. If the radio dispatcher does not get a reply shortly after sending an MDC message, the radio dispatcher shall raise bicycle units on the air.
5. Dispatchers shall not dispatch bicycle units should they appear when using the proximity-dispatching command (DPCLOSE).
6. Dispatchers shall not dispatch bicycle units outside of the bicycle patrol beat area without prior supervisory approval, except for requests for cover.