
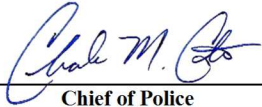


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|  | <b>MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>   |
|   | <b>235.00 PATROL RIDE OUTS</b>  |
|   | <b>Effective Date: July, 2016</b>   |
|   | <b>Approved:</b> _____<br><br><b>Chief of Police</b> |

I. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Mesquite Police Department that every sworn officer will ride-out on patrol for a minimum of twenty (20) hours per calendar year and work in the capacity of a line-level officer.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that every Mesquite police officer is capable of effectively performing patrol duties and remains aware of current policies, trends, technologies and issues involved in working as a patrol officer.

III. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

Officers - Refers to all sworn personnel who are subject to this policy, regardless of rank, unless otherwise stated.

Partner – Any on-duty officer who is regularly assigned to patrol.

Ride-out – Time spent working a beat in patrol by: an officer not normally assigned to patrol, whether working alone or with a partner.

IV. Procedures

- A. Officers and sergeants who are regularly assigned to patrol shall be exempt from completing a ride-out as their regular assignment is deemed to meet the requirements of this policy. All other sworn officers shall be subject to this policy, regardless of rank or assignment.
- B. Bureau Commanders will ensure that each officer within their bureau schedules and completes the entire patrol ride-out requirements each calendar year. Officers may choose to complete the 20 hours in consecutive days, or over a series of smaller blocks of time so long as the entire 20 hours are completed each year.
- C. Officers shall have the option of completing their patrol ride-out with a partner, riding alone or a combination of both.
- D. Officers will contact the Watch Commander no fewer than 24 hours prior to their scheduled ride-out date to be assigned a shift on which to work. If the officer chooses to ride with a partner, the Watch Commander will assign the officer to someone who is available.
- E. Working as (or riding with) a supervisor, mall patrol, Impact officer or any assignment other than a regular patrol beat during ride-out time is not permitted unless approved by the Patrol Bureau Commander.
- F. Two officers who are both on ride-out time will not ride together.
- G. Overtime and compensatory time will not be credited as part of the ride-out program. Ride-out time should generally be off-set against regular working hours. However, officers required to perform ride-outs are not prohibited from signing up for existing patrol overtime and applying the overtime hours worked toward the 20 hour ride-out requirement, with prior approval from their bureau commander. Officers who wish to work overtime and have the hours applied to their patrol ride-out requirement shall not ride with a partner.
- H. All officers subject to this policy shall attend annual training which will include a refresher course in electronic programs commonly used by patrol officers and a review of any other pertinent procedural updates necessary to perform patrol duties. This

training shall be completed prior to the officer's patrol ride-out. The length and content of the training shall be determined by the Training Division.

- I. Any officer who transfers from Patrol to a non-patrol assignment shall be exempt from the patrol ride-out requirement for the calendar year in which the transfer occurred.

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