

Procedure

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Eugene Police Department



Traffic Enforcement Unit

6.1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) is a specialized team composed mainly of motorcycle officers designed to improve auto, bicycle, and pedestrian safety, and reduce vehicle collisions through selective traffic enforcement. TEU is supervised by a sergeant who reports to the Special Operations Captain.

PART I - Responsibilities and Procedures for All Personnel

- A. TEU personnel
- B. Communications

PART II – Responsibilities and Procedures for Supervisors and Command Personnel

- A. Utilization of TEU

6.1.2 RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL PERSONNEL

- a. TEU personnel
 - 1. The TEU is responsible for:
 - Enforcement of traffic laws
 - Managing and policing traffic-oriented events (e.g., parades, escorts, large-scale events using street right-of-way)
 - Directed patrol of certain high traffic or complaint areas
 - Augmenting the department's field force to assist with civil unrest at the direction of the Special Operations Captain, generally by handling traffic and providing high-profile enforcement on the perimeter of such incidents
 - 2. TEU officer responsibilities:

- a. You must receive supervisory permission to take a motorcycle to and from work during initial training. You must successfully complete the department's specified training before you begin enforcement duties using the motorcycle.
- b. You will be assigned a specific motorcycle. You are responsible for the care, security, and maintenance of it. You may ride it to and from work if you meet the following conditions:
 - You obtain permission from the TEU supervisor.
 - You provide an enclosed, covered storage area with high antitheft security.
 - You provide all routine light maintenance, including cleaning and waxing.
 - You live in Eugene or Springfield, or the Santa Clara/River Road area. (If you reside outside these areas, you need permission from the Division Commander to take the unit home.)
- c. You must be in full uniform with required safety equipment (e.g., helmet, eye protection, over-the-ankle boots, gloves) whenever you are riding.
- d. You may not operate your motorcycle if:
 - your supervisor orders you not to, or
 - when there is ice or snow accumulation on the traveled portion of roads in the flat areas of Eugene.
- e. When conditions do not permit the safe operation of motorcycles, you will be assigned to utilize a patrol car.
 - (1) Your radio designator will change from "Mary" to "Tom." (2) Your primary function will continue to be traffic enforcement function, although you may be assigned traffic related calls (e.g., vehicle collision investigations, traffic direction) or other emergency calls, as required.

b. Communications

- 1. Do not send TEU officers to investigate traffic accidents unless no other officers are available, as TEU officers cannot carry enough equipment to conduct accident investigations or protect the scene. (You may use them for rapid first-aid responses, or to direct traffic until others arrive and relieve them.)
- 2. Dispatch TEU officers to major traffic violations in progress before you send a regular beat officer.

3. You may dispatch TEU officers as back-up officers when other units are not available.
4. Log minor traffic calls in the Communications Center Priority "8 Log" for TEU follow-up.

6.1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUPERVISORS AND COMMAND PERSONNEL

a. Utilization of TEU

1. TEU is assigned to Special Operations Division. Do not use TEU officers for routine patrol or other routine duties without approval of the Special Operations Captain. The only exception is regularly scheduled SWAT training.
2. If TEU personnel must be pulled from their assignment for an extended period due to an emergency, the TEU supervisor or Special Operations Captain will be notified.