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SUBJECT: Alternate University Police Vehicle (APV) Use  
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I. PURPOSE

The deployment of Department-approved Bicycles and Personal Electric Mobility Device's, hereafter referred to as APV's, are intended to enhance our community oriented policing philosophy (and associated programs), and to expand the use of Green Technologies utilized by the University Police Department. The use of APV's will enable law enforcement personnel to patrol confined areas where traditional police vehicle(s) may not be suited for enforcement. The use of APV's will also:

- (a) Contribute to the reduction of the University's total carbon footprint of fuel emissions
- (b) Promote greater awareness of green technologies and their use in the university community
- (c)

use of such vehicles, as well as all departmental policies and procedures pertaining to the maintenance and use of such vehicles. Assigned personnel will attend the requisite training and pass all written and field tests in a satisfactory manner prior to the use of an APV. Assigned personnel are expected to, at all times, set a proper example according to the expectations of the department and the university at large by their operation of said vehicles. APV's shall be regularly inspected in accordance with prescribed maintenance recommendations and Department training.

Officers using APV's will wear the proper protective gear including:

- (6) APV personnel are to obey all traffic laws and regulations. Personnel will be permitted to ride on sidewalks within the core of the campus in the course of their duties, but must do so safely and courteously by yielding the right of way to pedestrians.
  - (7) In the event of inclement weather, APV patrols will be temporarily suspended with the approval of the shift supervisor.
  - (8) During patrols, assigned APV personnel will place emphasis on the following:
    - a. Safety within our university community;
    - b. Community-based policing & public relations;
    - c. Crime prevention (police personnel) and parking enforcement (parking personnel);
    - d. Monitoring/enforcement of pedestrians, bicycles, skateboarders, vehicular traffic and solicitors in the inner campus;
    - e. Parking lot patrols;
    - f. Directed enforcement projects
    - g. Report writing and/or investigations
  - (9) APV's are not considered emergency vehicles as defined by the vehicle code. However, vehicle stops may be made by an assigned police officer under authority of CVC Section 2800. Such a stop will be made only when it is reasonably safe to do so, and only within the guidelines of the California Vehicle Code and departmental policy.
- (b) Authorization for use
- (1) APV patrol officers may be utilized in the following manner:
    - a. Traditional patrols to supplement patrol shifts;
    - b. Special events;
    - c. Directed patrol based on identified trends in criminal activity;
    - d. Community relations, crime prevention purposes.
- (c) Qualification and training for assigned personnel
- (1) It is expected that every officer who has successfully completed their probationary period be trained in either a POST-approved bicycle course and/or a department approved course in personal electric mobility vehicles. Exceptions to this requirement must be authorized by the Chief of Police.
  - (2) Corporals and officers are the primary rank(s) from which APV personnel are selected.
  - (3) Assigned personnel who operate the APV's in a reckless manner and who endanger themselves and/or members of the public (as determined by the supervisor or any rank above supervisor), may be removed from the program for a duration to be determined by the command staff. Personnel may also be





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