



California Exposition and State Fair Police Department

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DEPARTMENTAL GENERAL ORDER

ORDER № 2400.100

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MOUNTED PATROL OPERATIONS

2400.101 PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the selection, maintenance, and use of mounted horse patrols during specialized crowd control support, security for special events and promoting the organization through positive public relations.

2400.102 GOAL

- A. It shall be the goal of the California Exposition & State Fair Police Department to safely and effectively use horse-mounted patrol officers for special events, crowd control, and community outreach purposes.

2400.103 GENERAL

- A. Police Officers assigned to the Mounted Enforcement Unit will be selected by the Chief of Police. Selection criteria is based upon law enforcement experience, demonstrated riding skill and horsemanship.
- B. Police Officers assigned to the Mounted Enforcement Unit shall have successfully completed "Mounted Patrol" training course, certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).
- C. Horses selected by the Mounted Unit shall:
1. Be either geldings or mares.
 2. Weigh at least 1,000 lbs. and stand at a minimum of 14 hands.
 3. Pass sensory testing and be determined suitable for patrol purposes by the Department's designated trainer.
 4. Be examined for soundness and general health by an equine veterinarian.
 5. Be examined by the Mounted Unit's farrier.
 6. Be ridden in the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Mounted Patrol Officer's Training Course.

*The mission of the California Exposition & State Fair Police is to:
Provide for the safety and security of visitors, employees, and stakeholders; keep order and
preserve the peace; and support the economic well-being of the California Exposition & State Fair.*

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D. Officers assigned to the Mounted Unit, or participating in Mounted Unit activities as an ancillary assignment, shall:

1. Own or have access to a horse that meets the criteria outlined above.
2. Have successfully completed the POST Mounted Patrol Officer's Training Course within one (1) year of being selected for the unit.
3. Participate in regularly scheduled Mounted Unit training.

E. The Officer-in-Charge of the Mounted Unit shall be responsible for ensuring that the Mounted Unit complies with the Mounted Unit criteria as outlined above.

F. STABLE OPERATIONS

Officers assigned to the Mounted Unit are responsible for the daily operation of the Department's stable, including, but not limited to:

1. Feeding horses housed at the stable.
2. Cleaning stalls, ready pens, turn-out areas, and the arena.
3. Keeping the stable, tack room, office/locker rooms, and arena in clean and presentable condition.
4. Medicating horses as needed.
5. Grooming their mounts and keeping tack in operable, clean, and presentable condition.
6. Safe loading and operation of trucks and horse trailers.

G. DEPLOYMENT

1. Use of the Mounted Unit shall be at the direction of the Chief of Police or designee.
2. During field operations, officers assigned to the Mounted Unit shall refrain from running their mounts on paved surfaces at a full canter unless exigent conditions exist.
3. Officers shall notify the Mounted Unit of:
 - a. Any property damage that occurred as a result of Mounted Unit operations.
 - b. Any injury to their mount.
 - c. Any intentional contact between their mount and a citizen as a result of crowd control operations or an arrest or detention situation.