

# TEXAS CITY POLICE BIKE TEAM

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Officers Rachael Sbaschnig & Andrew Robison

Captain Rex Spotted Bear & Sergeant Mickey House

# OPPORTUNITY AND INVESTMENT

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- Develop a stronger partnership with our community- Approachable!
- Costs associated with program significantly less than traditional patrol
- Written policy in place – Guidelines for the Bike Team Operations
- IPMBA Training and Certification – Industry Standard
- Additional Benefits – Fitness and Fun for Police Officers

# TRADITIONAL VIEW OF POLICE OFFICERS CHANGES TO MORE SERVICE ORIENTED



# Costs associated with bike patrol equipment significantly less!

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**\$54,854.25**



**\$ 2,000.00**



# Bike Patrol Policy

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TEXAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS

PATROL

P-33  
Police Bicycle Patrol

**33.01 PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this policy to provide guidance on the use, utility, and deployment of police bicycles and the general management of police bicycle operations. The Texas City Police Department utilize police bicycles both to address criminal activity and promote positive community relations by increased visibility and accessibility. This accessibility provides an opportunity to enhance the personal relationship between the community and the police department.

**32.02 POLICY**

- A. Bicycle patrol officers, also referred to as police cyclists, are an important component of this department's strategy for accomplishing its enforcement objectives due to their mobility and stealth, as well as their ability to facilitate a variety of law enforcement and crime prevention operations.
- B. It is the policy of the Texas City Police Department to utilize bicycles to conduct proactive patrol as part of a patrol shift. Police bicycle patrol allows for close citizen contact and are used for directed patrols and crowd control during special events. Use of bike patrols provides police services in the areas where they are assigned which include residential neighborhoods, business districts, retail areas, parks, the trail system and other areas as appropriate.
- C. Approved Bike Team Officers are the only personnel authorized to ride/utilize police bicycles.

**1. Personnel Selection Qualifications**

A.) In order to reduce the risk of exercise-induced medical problems, pre-screening of candidates is recommended. Any physical fitness testing should be conducted by a qualified fitness and/or medical professional.

(1) Minimum criteria:

- (a) Have completed one full year with the Texas City Police Department
- (b) No disciplinary actions taken against you that resulted in a loss of pay

# International Police Mountain Bike Association

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IPMBA Basic Police Cyclist  
Course Certified

40 Hours in San Antonio,  
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# SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

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- **Parades** - Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth Parade, 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- **Crime Deterrence** -Use Crime Report Mapping to ID problem areas
- **Children's Bicycle Safety Fair** - Bike Inspections/Discuss safety gear/  
Demonstrate safe riding techniques

# Bike Patrol Locations

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# Bike Patrol - Locations

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# HEALTH BENEFITS FOR BIKE OFFICERS

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- Cycling boosts cardiovascular fitness
- Cycling can help you lose weight
- Cycling is easier on the joints than running
- Cycling improves balance and coordination
- Cycling offers mental health benefits – Work becomes more enjoyable

# New Bike Team Officers

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- Officers Timothy Haynes, Oscar Chavez, and Taide Pineda will be added to the bike team in the very near future. All three officers did an outstanding job testing for a position on the team.