



# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## STANDARD OPERATING INSTRUCTION

### MOUNTED PATROL UNIT

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EFFECTIVE: April 26, 2021

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:

Inspector Willie Murphy

DATE: March 25, 2021

ACTION: Amends SOI (April 4, 2014)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 6.1.2

### ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.  
For complete version of SOI, see SharePoint.

#### I. PURPOSE

The mission of the Milwaukee Police Department Mounted Patrol is to provide police services in those areas and assignments deemed appropriate by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division with an emphasis on reducing crime, fear, and disorder.

#### III. ORGANIZATION

A. The Mounted Patrol shall consist of specially trained riders and horses. It shall be assigned to the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division with such hours and duties as directed by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division. Assignment to the patrol shall be under the sole discretion of the Chief of Police.

#### IV. RESPONSIBILITIES (WILEAG 6.1.2)

##### A. MOUNTED SUPERVISOR

The mounted supervisor shall be responsible for:

1. Supervising the assigned personnel in all duties, under the direction of the commanding officer of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.

##### B. TRAINING OFFICERS

Training Officers shall assist in those duties related to training as directed by the mounted supervisor, with the approval of the commanding officer of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.

##### C. VEHICLE MANAGER

The vehicle manager shall ensure that all vehicles assigned to the Mounted Patrol are inspected monthly and the monthly ~~Vehicle Equipment Check List form~~ Department Memorandum (form PM-9E), and related reports, are submitted to the mounted supervisor. (WILEAG 6.1.2.4)

## E. OFFICERS

Officers assigned to this unit shall:

3. Attend formal training as directed and approved by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.  
(WILEAG 6.1.2.2, 6.1.2.4)

## V. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT (WILEAG 6.1.2)

The mounted patrol uniforms and equipment shall be in compliance with this standard operating instruction.

## C. VEHICLES

1. Officers will make the following checks on the squad assigned to them, on the respective date, for serviceability. Vehicles will be inspected monthly by the vehicle manager and the results indicated ~~on the First District Mounted Patrol Vehicle Equipment Monthly Check List~~ will be forwarded to the mounted supervisor via a Department Memorandum (form PM-9E).

## VI. TRAINING (WILEAG 6.1.2)

### A. TRAINING PROGRAM

Officers and horses shall undergo an established training program coordinated by the mounted supervisor, or a designated training officer. The training program for the officers shall be a minimum of six (6) weeks of basic mounted proficiency with an additional two (2) weeks of field training with the approval of the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.  
(WILEAG 6.1.2.2)

## VII. HOURS OF ASSIGNMENT

- A. The Mounted Patrol Unit shall be comprised of shifts as designated by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division. Personnel shall work eight (8) hour shifts as scheduled by the mounted supervisor.

## VIII. USE OF THE MOUNTED PATROL (WILEAG 6.1.2)

### A. SPECIAL USE

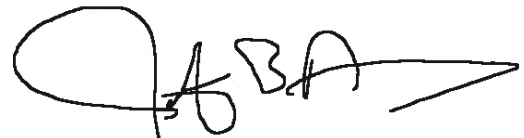
In addition to the regular patrol duties as directed by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division, the Mounted Patrol may be used for:

1. Locating missing persons or in assisting criminal investigations in large open areas or difficult terrain;
2. Directed patrol missions;

3. Special events;
4. Festivals, large gatherings, or sporting events;
5. Crowd management;
6. Crowd control;
7. Public education programs;
8. Community service programs.  
(WILEAG 6.1.2.1)

#### B. REQUESTS FOR THE MOUNTED PATROL

1. All requests for the Mounted Patrol at planned events shall require the approval of the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division or designee.
2. Unplanned or unscheduled use of the Mounted Patrol shall be approved by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division, or designee, or a source of higher authority.

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ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE