

All Terrain Motorcycle Unit

432.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Redding Police Department has established the All-Terrain Motorcycle Unit (ATMU) for the purpose of enhancing patrol efforts in the community. All-terrain motorcycles have proven to be a valuable patrol asset when utilized to patrol areas otherwise inaccessible to patrol vehicles. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the safe and effective operation of the all-terrain motorcycle.

432.2 POLICY

All-terrain motorcycles may be used for special events or special assignments. The use of the all-terrain motorcycle will emphasize their mobility and visibility to the community.

All-terrain motorcycles may be deployed to any area at all hours, according to Department needs, and as staffing levels allow.

Requests for the specific deployment of ATMU officers shall be coordinated through the shift supervisor or the Watch Commander.

432.3 SELECTION OF PERSONNEL

Interested sworn personnel, who are off probation and possess an M1 or M1 permit, shall submit a request to join the ATMU to their appropriate Division Commander. A copy will be forwarded to the ATMU supervisor. Qualified applicants may be required to complete a skills test to evaluate the motorcycle competence level. Officers will be ranked by their riding skill level and placed on a ranking list for the next available training class.

432.3.1 ATMU SUPERVISOR

The ATMU supervisor will be the Traffic Sergeant. The ATMU supervisor shall have responsibility for the following:

- (a) Organizing ATMU training.
- (b) Inspecting and maintaining an inventory of ATMU motorcycles and program equipment.
- (c) Scheduling maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Evaluating the performance of ATMU officers as it pertains to this unit.
- (e) Coordinating activities with Field Operations.
- (f) Other activities as required to maintain the efficient operation of the All-Terrain Motorcycle Unit.

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432.4 TRAINING

Participants in the program must complete a Department approved or P.O.S.T. approved all-terrain motorcycle 40-hour training course. Once an officer completes the training course and approved by the Chief of Police, the officer will be assigned to the All Terrain Motorcycle Unit.

A quarterly training/qualification session will be provided by a department-approved motorcycle instructor. The session will be held at a department approved training site and use department approved qualification course.

ATMU personnel must successfully complete the qualification course at least once every six months to participate in ATMU assignments.

ATMU personnel will be required to qualify with their duty firearm while wearing motorcycle safety equipment including the helmet and riding gloves.

432.5 UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

ATMU officers shall wear the Department-approved uniform and safety equipment while operating the Department motorcycle. Safety equipment includes a Department-approved helmet, riding gloves, protective eyewear, and approved footwear.

432.6 CARE AND USE OF ALL-TERRAIN MOTORCYCLE

Officers will use an assigned and specially marked all-terrain motorcycle. Motorcycles utilized for uniformed specialized patrol operations shall be equipped with a rear rack sufficient to carry all necessary equipment such as first aid kit, citations, and report forms.

Officers shall conduct an inspection of the all-terrain motorcycle and its equipment prior to use to ensure its proper working order. Officers are responsible for the routine care and maintenance of the assigned equipment (e.g., tire pressure, chain lubrication, overall cleaning). If a needed repair is beyond the ability of the ATMU officer, a repair work order will be completed and forwarded to the program supervisor for repair by an approved technician. Officers shall not modify, add, or remove components except with the expressed approval of the ATMU supervisor, or in the event of an emergency.

At the end of a special assignment, the all-terrain motorcycle shall be returned clean and ready for the next tour of duty.

All-terrain motorcycles shall be properly secured when not in the officer's immediate presence.

432.7 OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY

Officers must operate the all-terrain motorcycle in compliance with the vehicle code. "Code-3" operation of an all-terrain motorcycle is not authorized, as the motorcycle is not equipped with a siren.