

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

POLICY

The Mountain Bike Team (MBT) conducts operations that require a fast, mobile, and less confrontational response to any public demonstration or large crowd. The MBT can transition to assist the Rapid Deployment Force (RDF), if necessary. The MBT differs from the bicycle units assigned to the various districts.

PROCEDURE

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. Bicycle Detail: A patrol unit that performs selective enforcement and assignments as directed by the commander of a patrol district.
- B. MBT: A group of officers that include the various bicycle details and officers with International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMA) or Law Enforcement Bicycle Association (LEBA) training.
- C. MBT Assistant Commander: A sworn officer of the rank of lieutenant or higher appointed by the MBT Commander.
- D. MBT Commander: A sworn officer with the rank of captain or higher as designated by the Chief of Police or designee.

II. ACTIVATION

The MBT shall be activated by the MBT Commander or designee. There are two situations for which the MBT may be activated:

- A. Planned events: Planned events take place in the future, and the MBT is used as part of the event. These events include (but are not limited to) protest marches, conventions, etc. In a planned event, the MBT Commander or designee shall be notified of the need for the MBT at least a week in advance; or
- B. Unplanned events: In circumstances where unplanned events occur and the MBT is needed as soon as possible, the MBT Commander shall be notified as soon as practicable to determine who needs to be activated.

III. DUTIES

Operationally, the MBT Commander shall support the Incident Commander. The MBT Assistant Commander shall be in the field as needed or act in place of the MBT Commander if the MBT Commander is not available.

- A. The MBT may be called upon to support different elements of the police department as deemed necessary.
- B. The MBT shall:
 - 1. Utilize the Incident Command System; and
 - 2. Be familiar with and have been trained with crowd control tactics for bicycles and be prepared to:
 - a. Apprehend offender(s);
 - b. Isolate, maintain, and move areas of civil disorder as needed;
 - c. Operate in an environment where less-lethal chemical agents may be present or used;

- d. Wear and operate personal protective equipment;
- e. Assist with the recovery of injured personnel or civilians; and
- f. Provide any other functions that the bicycle training allows.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The MBT Commander or designee shall:

- 1. Ensure that all members of the MBT are bicycle-certified officers;
- 2. Ensure that all members are properly attired and equipped for bicycle training and activation;
- 3. Respond when the MBT is activated; and
- 4. Create and maintain a program that requires periodic training of all MBT members.

B. The request for training shall be routed through the deputy chief of field operations, assistant chiefs, and applicable divisional commanders of the MBT.

V. UNIFORM

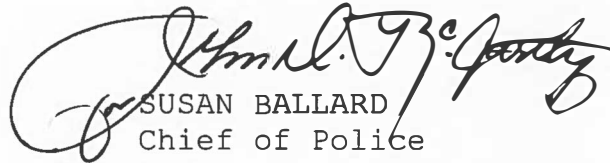
Unless otherwise ordered by the Chief of Police or designee, the uniform for this detail shall be the same as that utilized by the district bicycle details.

VI. EQUIPMENT

The MBT shall be issued and use the equipment designated in Policy 2.38, UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, AND FIREARMS, Attachment 2. Additional equipment may be mandated by the MBT Commander. If an MBT officer is issued a body-worn camera, the MBT officer shall wear it and adhere to Policy 2.57, BODY-WORN CAMERAS.

VII. TRAINING

- A. All members of the MBT shall receive annual training. Additional training may be initiated outside of the mandatory training at the discretion of the MBT Commander.
- B. The training shall be coordinated and conducted by the MBT Commander or designee.



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