

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 1

February 21, 2013

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC DIVISION BICYCLE LIAISON - ESTABLISHED

PURPOSE: In 2010, the Chief of Police appointed the Assistant to the Director, Office of Operations (ADOO), as the Department Bicycle Liaison to the bicycling community. The ADOO met with bicycling advocates, representatives of bicycling organizations, community leaders, and City employees to improve the relationship and level of service for bicyclists in Los Angeles. The Department Bicycle Liaison has addressed many of the policy and training concerns that were the immediate impetus for the creation of the position. The majority of current inquiries and workload now center on specific bicycling related incidents, localized traffic concerns, and implementation of the Los Angeles Department of City Planning 2010 Bicycle Plan (Bicycle Plan).

As a result, the need has arisen for a liaison from each traffic division, who has knowledge of the area, people and issues, and who can address the aforementioned localized concerns. This Order establishes the implementation of a Traffic Division Bicycle Liaison (Liaison) at each traffic division.

PROCEDURES: The Traffic Division Bicycle Liaison has been established at each traffic division.

I. TRAFFIC DIVISION BICYCLE LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES.

The sergeant of the Complaint Traffic Safety Unit from each traffic division will be appointed as the liaison and will be responsible for:

A. Community Relations. Addressing the traffic and quality of life related concerns of the cycling community by:

- * Scheduling as needed quarterly meetings with bicyclists and bicycling activists/organizations to address concerns;
- * Disseminating information regarding the rights/responsibilities of bicyclists on the roadway;
- * Participating in conflict resolution between motorists and bicyclists, whenever practical;
- * Assisting with traffic collision reports involving bicyclists;

- * Meeting with other City and Department entities on bicycling issues to address concerns; and,
- * Arranging for additional enforcement, if warranted, along streets that have been identified as particularly hazardous to bicyclists.

B. Implementation of the Bicycle Plan. Facilitating the implementation of the recommended strategies of the Bicycle Plan, as outlined by the Los Angeles Department of City Planning, by taking an active role in the following:

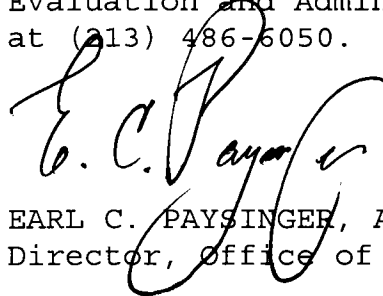
- * Bicycle School Pilot Program – working with local schools and organizations to promote bicycle safety while riding to and from school;
- * Safety Pilot Program – working with parent organizations at schools to promote safe driving and road sharing with bicyclists;
- * Bicyclists' Rights – educating officers on laws regarding bicyclists' rights and responsibilities;
- * Bicycle Lanes – educating officers on bicycle lane moving violations and bicycle lane obstruction violations; and,
- * Traffic Stings – organizing stings at areas noted in the Bicycle Plan.

C. Reporting to the Assistant to the Director, Office of Operations. Presenting the needs of the community to the ADOO by:

- * Attending quarterly meetings with the ADOO;
- * Providing a list of recurring concerns brought to their attention and what has been done to address them;
- * Providing a date/time/location for any education provided pursuant to the Bicycle Plan implementation, or any bicycle related community meeting attended;
- * Presenting the ADOO with operations plans for traffic stings; and,
- * Attending semi-annual, or as needed, meetings with the ADOO, bicyclists, and bicycling activists/organizations for City-wide updates.

II. TRAFFIC DIVISION COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. Traffic division commanding officers must appoint a sergeant from the Complaint Traffic Safety Unit to act as the Traffic Division Bicycle Liaison for their division. The position will be an ancillary duty and will continue at the discretion of the commanding officer.

Any questions regarding this Order should be directed to Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-6050.



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