409.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for the Montana State University Billings Police Department (Department) to safely and effectively use bicycle patrol for the purpose of enhancing patrol efforts in our community.

409.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this Department that patrol bicycles may be used for regular patrol duty, traffic enforcement, parking control or special events. The use of the patrol bicycle will emphasize officer mobility, Department visibility and enhance community engagement opportunities.

409.3 OPERATIONS

Bicycle patrol has been shown to be an effective way to increase officer visibility in congested areas, and the quiet operation of the patrol bicycle c

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Officers may operate the bicycle without lighting equipment during hours of darkness only when it reasonably appears necessary for officer safety or tactical considerations. Officers must use caution and care when operating bicycles without lighting equipment or when they are operating in violation of the rules of the road.