

<b>PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>		
<b>ALTERNATE PATROL TACTICS</b>		
<b>POLICY AND PROCEDURE 4.2.1.22</b>		
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**PURPOSE:** To specify criteria for the deployment of alternative patrol tactics.

**SCOPE:** This policy and procedure applies to all patrol officers.

**REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY:** Field Operations Bureau Major

**POLICY:** This department establishes a park and walk program by officers assigned to the patrol division as a community-policing patrol tactic. These officers perform frequent inspections, such as in business and commercial areas; and are encouraged to make personal contacts with the residents within their assigned zones. This alternative program does not apply to fixed foot posts deployed for traffic control, parade, special events, security details or crowd control.

#### **1. CRITERIA FOR DEPLOYMENT OF ALTERNATIVE PATROL TACTICS**

- a. Officers are encouraged, while on patrol, and when possible, to park their vehicles and walk those areas within their zone that they feel are best covered on foot (park and walk). In selecting areas to patrol on foot, officers should consider the following:
  - i. Make self initiated contacts with residents to enhance community relations.
  - ii. The present amount of call activity.
  - iii. The amount of available manpower on the shift.
  - iv. Current incident or activity in the area.
  - v. Need for frequent inspection (business/commercial area).
  - vi. High concentration of calls for service involving pedestrians in specific area(s).
  - vii. Information received at briefing requesting or directing foot patrols in a given area.
  - viii. Ability to quickly return to the patrol vehicle.
- b. Officers may be given priority assignments by their supervisors requiring foot patrols in a given area. Officers will perform these assignments in accordance with their supervisor's instructions.
- c. Patrol Sergeants, with the approval of the Patrol Operations Bureau Major, may assign a long-term foot patrol detail due to a high concentration of calls for service in a specific high crime area where people on foot are involved or in a concentrated commercial area. Such a program must first be documented, explaining the nature of the problem and the goals and objectives of the program and have approval by the Field Operations Division Assistant Chief and Chief of Police.
- d. Bicycle patrols will be used primarily as a community-policing tactic instead of traditional patrol vehicles.
- e. Any other use of bicycles must first be approved by the shift Sergeant and Patrol Operations Bureau Major. Sergeants should consider the following when deploying an officer(s) on a bicycle if other than for community-policing tactics:
  - i. The need for patrol of parks, large apartment complexes or other areas not suited for patrol cars.
  - ii. The need to stake out, surveyor apprehend criminals in specific areas instead of using the traditional patrol vehicle.
  - iii. The need to approach undetected crime in specific areas too large to handle by foot.

- iv. The need to control loitering in off-road locations.
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