



NORTH BAY POLICE SERVICE

2008 Annual Report Patrol - Platoons

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A. Mandate of the Unit

The *Police Services Act* mandates that the police service provide community patrol. This includes both general patrol and directed patrol in areas and at times where it is considered necessary or appropriate based on such factors as crime, call and public disorder analysis, criminal intelligence and road safety.

The uniformed officers are the first responders to emergency calls for service. In addition to the general and directed patrols uniformed officers provide traffic enforcement, accident investigation and conduct criminal investigations on the majority of the calls received.

Supporting community based initiatives and special events with high-visibility policing to ensure public safety, add to the tasks and diversity for the requirements of the uniformed officer.

B. Executive Summary

The sixty officers assigned to the patrol section are organized into four platoons. Each platoon is supervised by a Sergeant and Staff Sergeant, who report to the Divisional Commander, the Inspector in Charge of Operations.

Working a rotating schedule of 12 hour shifts, the four platoons provide policing 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The majority of the police service's contact with the public occurs with the uniformed officer.

C. Activities

Each platoon is responsible for deploying a Bicycle Patrol Officer in the summer and the Platoon Traffic officer year round. The BPO is an officer assigned from each shift and one from the Traffic Section. When staffing levels permit the BPO is deployed by the duty shift. In addition to this, numerous requests for attendance to community events are received and responded to by the uniform section and RIDE patrols conducted.

In 2008 the platoons were involved in the full implementation of the Mobile Work Stations and cell phones in all cruisers.

D. Performance Indicators

Platoon	Total Person/ Hours	Total Shifts Worked	Criminal Code Charges	Dispatches	Reports	Special Assignment (BPO)	Directed Patrols (PTO)
1	21,347	185	472	5,420	1,590	7	47
2	23,359	185	540	5,683	1,848	18	67
3	22,117	187	535	5,988	1,770	17	55
4	24,725	182	799	6,026	1,852	2	74
TOTAL	91,548	739	2,346	23,117	7,060	41	243

E. Anticipated Issues for the Future

The Strategic Planning Committee identified that 81 % of the constables on patrol have less than 10 years experience. Of all the sworn officers 70 % have less than 15 years of experience. Continued dedication and resources must be applied to several areas of training, including Supervision, Advanced Patrol Training, General Investigative Techniques, Sexual Assault Investigation and Interview and Interrogation Techniques

Maintaining staffing levels on platoon will ensure deployment of the Platoon Traffic Officer / Bicycle Patrol Officer to address the numerous traffic complaints and high visibility that the public consistently identifies as a concern.

F. Performance Objectives for the Next Year

Maintaining the staffing complement of 2 supervisors and 13 Constables on each platoon ensures that the training, leave requirements, special deployments and general patrol levels can be met effectively and efficiently. In addition, this will ensure that all priority levels of calls for service are responded to within the time requirements.

Special deployments include the bicycle patrol. Directed patrols include the deployment of the Platoon Traffic Officer and the RIDE program.