

CHAPTER 1
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION
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1. OBJECTIVES. The primary objective of the Mounted Patrol Unit (MPU) is to establish a visual law enforcement presence and enforce the laws, to reduce or deter crime in the vicinity of the State Capitol in Sacramento. In addition, the MPU provides the following:

- a. Crowd control during demonstrations and civil disturbances. The use of horses provides officers with an elevated vantage point for maintaining order while reducing the risk of injury to officers and community members.
- b. Mobility in areas not easily accessible to patrol vehicles.
- c. Assistance at parades, sporting events, and community outreach activities statewide.

2. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

a. Protective Services Division. Protective Services Division (PSD) is responsible for establishing policy for the Department's MPU Program and to approve MPU deployment to events or incidents outside of PSD jurisdiction.

b. Capitol Protection Section. Capitol Protection Section (CPS) is responsible for the daily operations of the MPU. The CPS is also responsible for developing standard operating procedures (SOP) which should include the following:

- (1) Unit composition.
- (2) Hours of deployment.
- (3) Beat descriptions.
- (4) Stable accommodations.
- (5) Horse acquisition and retirement procedures.
- (6) Horse care guidelines.
- (7) Training requirements.

3. MOUNTED PATROL PERSONNEL. The Mounted Patrol Unit consists of the following:

- a. Commander. The commander of the CPS office is responsible for the overall operation of the MPU.
- b. Unit Coordinator. The assigned CPS lieutenant is responsible for the daily operations of the MPU and reports directly to the commander.
- c. Unit Supervisor. The MPU supervisor shall be a sergeant assigned to CPS who reports directly to the assigned CPS lieutenant.
- d. Officers. The MPU shall consist of permanent and alternate officers. The officers assigned to the MPU are directly accountable to the MPU supervisor.

4. ASSIGNMENTS.

- a. Voluntary Assignment. Assignment to the MPU is voluntary and is made from CPS personnel. Personnel assigned to the MPU serve at the discretion of the CPS commander.
- b. Primary. Primary riders are assigned to mounted patrol on a daily basis.
- c. Alternate Riders. Alternate riders are assigned to mounted patrol on an as-needed basis, which will be determined by the MPU supervisor.