

Rules and Procedures

Rule 103-C

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Rule 103-C - POLICE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE MOUNTED UNIT

This rule is issued to establish the responsibilities and duties of police officers assigned to the Mounted Patrol Unit of this department. It is effective immediately, superseding all previously issued rules, orders and other directives and replaces Rule 27, Patrolmen, Mounted, of the 1950 Manual of the Department.

Sec. 1 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS: A police officer assigned to mounted patrol duty shall adhere to the rules prescribed for such service and shall be subject to all other rules and regulations prescribed for patrol officers insofar as they are not in conflict with the specific rules applying to mounted duty.

Sec. 2 A police officer assigned to mounted patrol duty: shall be held strictly responsible for his/her mount and any equipment assigned to him/her.

Sec. 3 Shall remain mounted, as continuously as is practicable, unless otherwise directed by the Operations Division or a superior officer. He/she shall insure the safety of his/her mount when called upon to perform dismounted police duties.

Sec. 4 Shall not leave his/her mount unattended while on duty except in an emergency or as he/she may be otherwise authorized.

Sec. 5 Shall train his/her mount to walk at a rapid pace but shall not urge the animal beyond a pace required for police business.

Sec. 6 Shall be humane in his/her treatment of his/her mount and shall be held strictly accountable for any abuse to which the animal is subjected while in his/her charge.

Sec. 7 Shall tend to the proper watering of his/her horse while on duty.

Sec. 8 Shall promptly reporting in writing to his/her Commanding Officer any sickness, accident or injury to his/her mount while on duty.

Sec. 9 Shall insure that his/her mount is treated properly by hostlers and report any incident of neglect or ill treatment in writing to his/her Commanding Officer.

NOTE: Rule 103C amended by Special Order 96-4, January 9, 1996, POLICE OFFICER AS A RANK: References in Rule 103C to the rank of Patrol Officer amended to read as Police Officer.