

Bowie Police Department - General Orders



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I. PURPOSE

The Bowie Police Department in order to provide consistent and effective service to the citizens of Bowie shall establish guidelines for Officers providing a patrol function.

II. POLICY

The patrol function is a basic and primary law enforcement function that embraces much more than the act of patrolling.

A. Patrol Officers

Patrol is a generalized function in which officers engage in a wide variety of activities that include

- I. Preventive patrol oriented toward the prevention of crimes and accidents;
- II. Identifying and solving problems that affect the quality of life within the City of Bowie;
- III. Response to request for service from members of the public;
- IV. Investigation of crimes and the arrest of offenders;
- V. Traffic direction and control;
- VI. Maintenance of the public order;
- VII. Development of relationships between citizens and the City of Bowie Police Department;
- VIII. Provision of emergency services;
- IX. Crime prevention;
- X. House checks.

III. Patrol Coverage

The Bowie Police Department shall provide continuous 24-hour coverage, seven days per week. Patrol Officers will remain available for calls until relieved by the next shift. Officers will respond to calls for service promptly. Once a call has been completed the Officer will advise the dispatcher of the proper clearance and their availability for other calls for service.

Officers performing a patrol function will normally be assigned to a geographic area of the City for which they are responsible. Officers should remain in their assigned area unless responding to a call for service or a meal break authorized by a supervisor.

IV. Supervisors Responsibilities

Supervisors shall continuously monitor conditions in the City. When incidents or conditions arise in the City that requires additional patrols, supervisors may adjust or reassign Patrol Officers as needed to handle the incident.