

GENERAL ORDER 61.3.8

Bicycles/Pedestrians

GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: 61.1.1.

SUMMARY

Describes bicycle and pedestrian traffic enforcement.

DISCUSSION

Pedestrians and bicycles are frequently involved in collisions with motor vehicles. Often these incidents result in injury or death to the pedestrian or bicyclist. In an effort to reduce the number of the occurrences, the Springfield Police Department enforces all applicable laws to maintaining pedestrian and bicycle safety.

POLICY

I

On a regular basis, the Patrol Bureau shall review and analyze data from accidents involving pedestrians and bicycles. Particular attention shall be given to those accidents occurring repeatedly at the same location.

II

Where accidents involving bicycles occur, the investigating officer shall take enforcement action in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Code.

III

Citizen complaints received involving pedestrians and bicyclists shall be assigned to the patrol officer in whose district the hazard occurs. Officers shall patrol the area in an effort to reduce the number of violations.

IV

In an effort to educate the public on pedestrian and bicycle safety, the Department will conduct regularly scheduled safety talks. These talks will involve schools, private groups, public groups, and business organizations. The education program's objectives will be to educate the public with regard to the safe use of streets by pedestrians and bicyclists. Emphasis on the reduction of fatality and injury accidents will be underscored.

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