

	LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY	Number: G.O. 10.12
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CHAPTER: Specialized Operations		Related Policy: 3.18 (Sheriff's Volunteer Programs; 10.05 (Search and Rescue)
SUBJECT: Posse Patrol at Howard Buford Recreation Area		Related Laws:

POLICY: The Sheriff's Mounted Posse will conduct patrols of Howard Buford Recreation Area as assigned by the Sheriff or designee. In cooperation with Lane County Parks, the posse patrol will be conducted as a visible deterrent to help prevent criminal acts and to provide education and assistance.

RULES:

1. Posse members will wear their class "C" uniform. No firearm will be provided.
2. Only posse members who are current concealed handgun license holders or retired peace officers as defined in ORS 166.260 shall carry firearms.
3. Posse members will perform patrols with a minimum of two riders per team
4. Posse members will carry between the team one (1) portable radio and one (1) cell phone for communications purposes, a small SAR first-aid kit, water, and personal gear.
5. Patrol teams will notify dispatch prior to beginning a patrol and at the conclusion of patrol activities.
6. Dispatch will create a call for service in CAD and notify the on-duty patrol supervisor of the posse assignment.
7. Posse members do not have police authority during this assignment and are expected to contact the Sheriff's Office dispatch for assistance.
8. All posse members will only work within their scope of training.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Patrols will be conducted in a passive manner. The purpose of these patrols is to provide a "visible presence" in Buford Park. This visible presence is to act as a deterrent to criminal activity.
 - A. Any unlawful acts or criminal activity will be reported to Dispatch via radio or cell phone.
 - B. Any park rule infractions, as determined by Lane County Parks Department, will be reported to Lane County Parks Rangers.
- II. Potential confrontation will be addressed by verbal defusing or physical disengagement of contact, then report, if deemed necessary, to dispatch, shift supervisor, or park ranger.

- III. Persons needing or requesting assistance will be helped in a courteous manner. If medical assistance is requested, then it should be provided to the limits of the providers training. If additional assistance is required, the level of assistance should be assessed and requested via radio or cell phone.
- IV. Posse members will patrol as available. (Note: Saturdays and Sundays are usually the highest traffic days.) Priority of areas to be patrolled are:
 - A. Both “west” and “north” parking areas and the road systems between the two parking areas;
 - B. Horse/ hiker designated trails including, but not limited to, the upper end of trail number 1, all of trails numbered 2, 3, or 4 to the “east” parking lot and back to the “north” trailhead;
 - C. Or areas requested by Lane County Parks and within the scope of the riders skill-set.
- V. Posse members conducting patrols will park in the “north-west” parking area provided for equestrian trailers or at the arena.
- VI. Posse members assigned to patrol will display an appropriate parking pass in the left front windshield plainly visible from the outside when parked in the “northwest” parking area provided for equestrian trailers.