



District Police Authority  
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## DISTRICT POLICE AUTHORITY MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL UNIT



*The Harder We Ride, The Better We Serve.*



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*Police or Fire Emergency dial 911*

Wayne County Community College District's Police Authority Mountain Bike Patrol Unit was established in 2001. The officers volunteered for this unit, and through the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE) have successfully completed a 40-hour basic mountain bike officer course, and have obtained national certification from the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association.

The department has found that in addition to being a valuable crime prevention tool, the bicycle unit is also good for public relations. Officers patrolling on bicycles have more opportunities to interact with students, faculty, and staff and are better able to address their needs.

The District Police Authority Mountain Bike Patrol Unit has emerged as an effective way of patrolling our community by providing the following benefits:

- 🚲 Allows an officer to cover more territory
- 🚲 Provides increased visibility creating a greater sense of security for students, faculty, and staff
- 🚲 Provides less of a barrier than an automobile while improving community relations, and serving our students, faculty, and staff
- 🚲 Allows officers to get into areas that normally are not easily accessible by patrol vehicles
- 🚲 Allows the officers to approach suspicious activity inconspicuously
- 🚲 Bicycle patrols are cost effective



## BIKE SAFETY TIPS

- 🚲 Protect your head and always wear a helmet.
- 🚲 See and be seen. Wear clothes that make you more visible, like light colors or reflective materials.
- 🚲 Avoid riding at night. If you have to ride after dark, wear reflective clothing so you are more visible.
- 🚲 Ride with traffic. Always be aware of the traffic around you and be prepared to stop.
- 🚲 Ride single file in a straight line when riding on the road.
- 🚲 Always obey traffic signals. Learn the rules of the road and obey traffic laws.
- 🚲 Stay alert, avoid road hazards. Watch for potholes, cracks, railroad tracks, drainage grates, or obstacles in your path.
- 🚲 Check your bike. Make sure your brakes work and tires are properly inflated.

**Always use hand signals** to tell other cars and bicyclists what you intend to do.

- **Left turn-** left hand and arm extended straight out to the side of the bike.
- **Right turn-** left hand and arm extended upward from your elbow out to the side of the bike.
- **Stopping or slowing down-** left hand and arm extended down out to the side of the bike.

## BIKE THEFT PREVENTION

Prevention of bicycle theft: Though these are not fool-proof methods they may help to deter a thief.

- 🚲 Invest in a high-quality, high-grade, heavy duty U-Lock or high-security padlock with a heavy duty, case hardened coated cable or chain. Look for locks that have "hardened" stamped on the shackle. Locks should have a 7/16" hardened alloy steel shackle. If a chain is being used try for as heavy as a chain as you can carry on your bike such as a 3/8" (or greater) alloy steel or a 9/32" (or greater) boron steel.
- 🚲 Lock the bicycle to bike stands that are in well-lit, highly populated areas. Both wheels and the frame should be secured to the immovable bike stand. The seat should be secured or removed.
- 🚲 Consider engraving identification numbers on all metal parts of the bicycle. Be sure to properly seal engraved areas to prevent rust.
- 🚲 Register your bicycle through a local Bicycle Registration Program or the National Bike Registry.
- 🚲 Ensure that your bicycle is covered in your insurance policy.

