

BASIC POLICE CYCLIST COURSE

June 6 -10, 2022

The Baytown Police Department will be hosting a Basic Police Mountain Bike Cyclist course. This course emphasizes "Vehicular Cycling" techniques that combine principles of traffic flow, the physics of bicycling, and state traffic laws to produce a method of cycling in traffic that enhances the predictability and safety of the officer. Also covered are, patrol procedures and tactics, including suspect apprehension techniques; night riding; use of the bicycle as a complete tool (including its use as a weapon); physical training aspects; off-road riding; maintenance and repair; firearms; uniforms and equipment; and more. Officers will then apply these skills in mock crime scenes staged to assess the students' performance under stress. This basic course spans five days in an effort to include as much information and practical application of skills as possible for the student.

Instructors are International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) certified. IPMBA certification is available to sworn police officers who successfully complete the practical test and a passing score on the written test, become members of IPMBA, and submit applications for certification accompanied by the appropriate fee.

For more information, contact Corporal Kenneth Hockless at 281-420-5841 or kenneth.hockless@baytown.org

Required Equipment & Materials Checklist

DUTY BICYCLE

- Reputable manufacturer public safety bicycle in good working order, properly fitted
- Street/combination tires (*no knobbies*)
- Pedal retention devices (*including approved flat pedal/footwear systems*)
- At least one water bottle and holder
- Hydration delivery system (*recommended*)
- High-intensity headlight with four-hour run time
- Steady or flashing red taillight
- Rear mount kick stand
- Rear rack and rack bag
- Off-road tires (*recommended if the class will ride off-road; consult instructor*)

TOOLS

- Patch kit
- Tire levers
- Two spare tubes
- Compact tire pump or CO2
- Allen wrenches (4/5/6/8 mm)
- Wrenches (8/10 mm)
- Disposable gloves

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Bicycle helmet (*approved by ANSI, Snell, CPSC or equivalent*)
- Eye protection (*shatter-resistant, wraparound, clear and tinted*)
- Padded cycling gloves
- Body armor (*if worn on duty*)

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Face covering/mask
- Supply of disposable gloves
- Hand sanitizer/wipes

ATTIRE

- Full duty bike uniform (*worn daily*)
- Padded cycling shorts (*recommended*)
- Footwear compatible with pedal retention
- Foul weather gear
- Off-road cycling clothes

DUTY BELT/VEST

- Agency-mandated duty gear

RANGE EQUIPMENT

- Duty weapon
- 50 rounds
- Foam ear protection

OTHER

- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Note-taking materials

Class size is limited to 10 students

Class Location: Baytown Police Academy
203. E. Wye Dr.
Baytown, TX 77521

(40 hours – Fee \$250)