



SPECIAL ORDER



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SUBJECT:  Medical Certification of Operators of Two-Wheeled Vehicles	SERIES	NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE
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The purpose of this Special Order is to apprise members of the additional requirements for selecting and re-certifying officers as operators of two-wheeled vehicles. Until now there have been no set provisions for medical re-certification of a member who operates a two-wheeled vehicle once he/she returns to duty from a back or knee injury.

The following requirements shall be satisfied prior to the selection and training of personnel to operate two-wheeled vehicles.

A. Selection

1. The member must volunteer for duty as an operator of a two-wheeled vehicle.
2. The commanding officer, or his/her designated official, of the member's assigned element, shall review the member's medical and sick leave records for any past history of illness or injury which may be aggravated by operating a two-wheeled vehicle, especially back or knee injury.
  - a. If the member's medical and sick leave records reflect a history of back or knee injuries, the official shall request that a member of the Board of Surgeons, Police and Fire Clinic, certify that the member is physically fit to operate a two-wheeled vehicle, and
  - b. Whether or not there is a possibility that the previous injury will be aggravated by operating such a vehicle.
3. The medical and sick leave records of members applying for assignments as motorcycle operators shall be reviewed by an official of the Special Operations Division.
4. Vehicular accident records from the Department, District of Columbia and the jurisdiction of residence shall be reviewed noting particular attention to any information that pertains to the operation of a two-wheeled vehicle.
5. If the member's driving records reflect a pattern of two-wheeled vehicle accidents, the official shall submit the information to the commanding officer, with a recommendation to approve or disapprove the member's request for two-wheeled vehicular training.

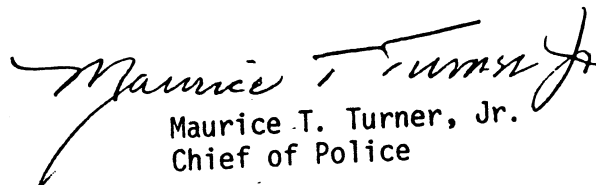
B. Re-Certification

1. Members who sustain a recent injury to their back or knee, aggravate a previous injury, or complain of a back or knee injury after having been trained, shall be re-certified by a member of the Board of Surgeons, before he/she is permitted to continue to operate a two-wheeled vehicle. This request for review shall be submitted by the member's commanding officer or designated official.
2. An official of the member's assigned element shall consult with the Clinic Liaison Office to verify the doctor's certification.
3. The member's immediate supervisor shall monitor the member's effectiveness as an operator of a two-wheeled vehicle and, if in the opinion of the supervisor, the member's performance is unsatisfactory, he/she shall be referred back to the clinic for re-examination, if appropriate, or the supervisor shall recommend that the member's assignment as a two-wheeled vehicle operator be terminated.

C. Operational Requirements and Prohibitions

1. Members who operate motorscooters and mini-motorcycles shall not operate such vehicles until they have been trained and certified by the Vehicle Skills Section, Training Division. Members operating motorcycles however, shall be trained and certified by the Special Events Section, Special Operations Division.
2. Members shall not operate any two-wheeled vehicles unless they have been re-certified by a police surgeon once the member has been on sick leave or limited duty for a back/knee injury or if the member suffers or complains of such an injury.

The provisions of this Special Order shall remain in effect until incorporated into General Order 301.10 (Motorscooters) and General Order 201.25 (Motorcycle Officers).

  
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