

MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bureau of Internal Oversight

Audits and Inspections Unit



Sworn Facility Inspection March 2024: Lake Patrol Division

Inspection Report# BI2024-0032

The Audits and Inspections Unit (AIU) of the Sheriff's Office Bureau of Internal Oversight (BIO) will conduct Sworn Facility and Property Inspections on an ongoing basis. The purpose of this inspection is to ensure compliance with Office Policies, promote proper supervision and support the requirements set forth in the Court Order. Inspectors will select one of the MCSO sworn facilities and conduct an inspection using the *Sworn Facility Matrix* developed by the AIU.

Matrix Procedures:

- Utilize Sworn Facility Inspection Matrix to review/check administration, building, assigned vehicles and any property and evidence for policy compliance.
- Use the OIM Property and Evidence System to retrieve item history report and obtain a random sample (if applicable).
- Verify items from the random sample are in their designated storage location and verify the item matches the item description (if applicable).

Criteria:MCSO Policies and Divisional Operations Manual:

CP-2	Code of Conduct
CP-6	Bloodborne Pathogens
CP-9	Occupational Safety Programs
EA-2	Patrol Vehicles
EA-3	Non-Traffic Contact
EA-19	Juvenile Operations
EB-2	Traffic Stop Data Collection
GA-1	Development of Written Orders
GA-3	Operations Manual Format
GB-2	Command Responsibly
GC-9	Personnel Information, Records, and Files
GD-1	General Office Procedures
GD-4	Use of Tobacco Products
GD-14	Access to Secured Office Buildings
GD-15	Emergency Evacuation Plans
GE-3	Property Management and Evidence Control
GE-4	Use, Assignment and Operation of Vehicles
GF-3	Criminal History Record Information and Public Records
GF-5	Incident Report Guidelines
GG-1	Peace Officer Training Administration
GG-2	Detention/Civilian Training Administration
GH-4	Bureau of Internal Oversight
GJ-24	Community Relations and Youth Programs

Conditions:

For the month of March 2024, MCSO Lake Patrol Division (District V) was randomly selected as the Sworn Facility for BIO Inspection. Lake Patrol Headquarters is located at 7307 North Bush Highway, Mesa, Arizona. Lake Patrol is a specialized division consisting of many units that safeguard the lakes, rivers, recreational, and wilderness areas of Maricopa County and the Tonto National Forest. The Lake Patrol Division is made up of the Underwater Dive Operations, Search and Rescue Operations, Emergency Medical Services, Mounted Patrol, Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) Patrol, Boat Patrol, and DUI enforcement units. The Division consists of one (1) Captain, three (3) Lieutenants, nine (9) Sergeants, twenty-seven (27) Deputies and five (5) Civilians.

The Lake Patrol Division is responsible for Search and Rescue Missions, Dive Recovery, Concentrated Traffic Enforcement, Flood Control Enforcement, The Sheriff's Medic Program, Mobile Field Force, and initial response to any emergencies involving the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. The Mounted Unit is another responsibility of the Lake Patrol Division. This unit assists in Search and Rescue Operations where motorized vehicles cannot get to or are not authorized such as the Wilderness areas of the Tonto National Forest. The unit also assists with patrol operations and crowd control during large sporting events, holiday celebrations, and parades.

On February 28, 2024, a pre-inspection agenda meeting was conducted at District V with the Division Command staff, Sergeants, and the Office Assistant. The scope of the inspection and details of the daily operation of District V were discussed. The BIO inspection matrix containing the items of inspection was provided to the Command staff for review. During the pre-inspection, BIO Auditors answered questions.

Objectives:

To determine that Lake Patrol maintained and documented in accordance with applicable key statutes, regulations, industry best practices, Operations Manual, and MCSO policy. The Operations Manual was updated as of January 23, 2024.

Facility Inspection:

On March 12, 2024, a Sworn Facility Inspection was conducted at Lake Patrol based on a random selection of Sworn divisions/units which were not yet inspected during the calendar year. During the inspection, the Audits and Inspection Unit personnel found the facility was secured with access limited to assigned personnel. Any other approved persons granted access to the interior working areas must present credentials or have key card access. The facility was well maintained and orderly. No evidence was discovered during the inspection indicating Sheriff Office facility and/or equipment were being used in a manner that discriminates or denigrates anyone on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religious beliefs, gender, culture, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability.

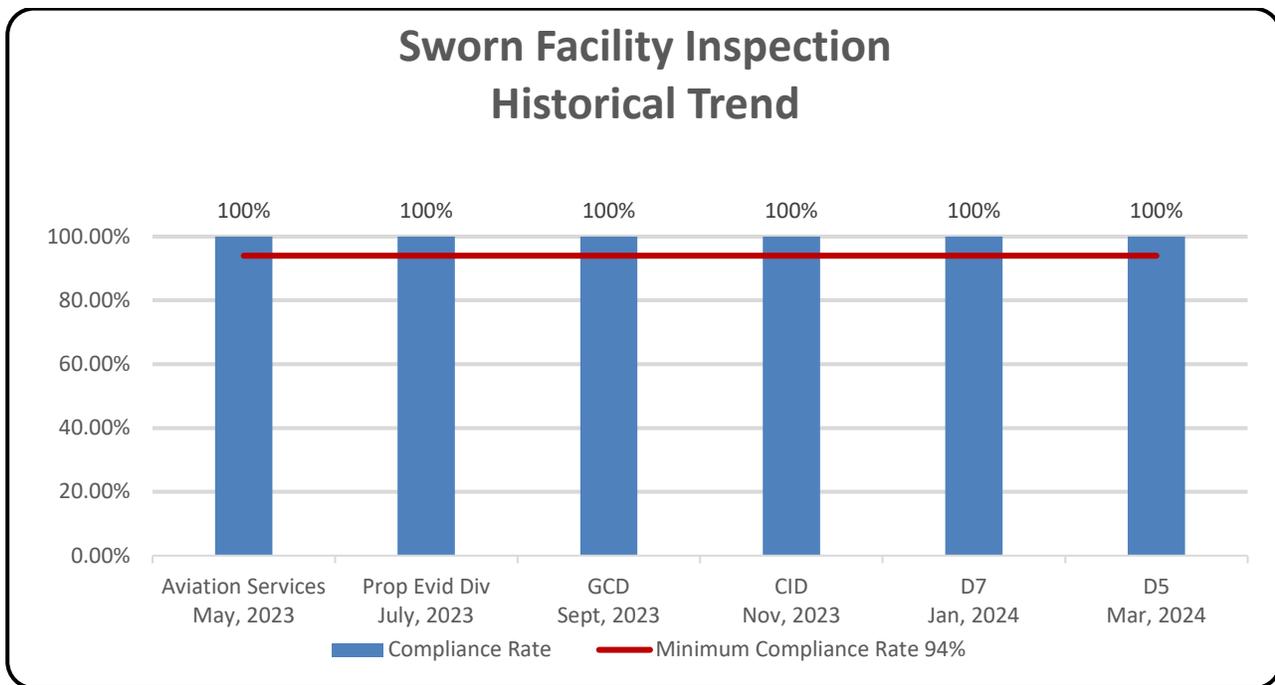
Sworn Facility Inspection Matrix:

District V was inspected using the Sworn Facility Inspection Matrix that contains a total of 45 inspection items (to include 1 assigned vehicle and 2 Property and Evidence items inspected). Of the 45 items of inspection, 4 were not applicable resulting in 41 items of inspection in the matrix. The staff was organized and had all the required documentation in accessible locations, clearly identified, organized, and secured properly.

There were no deficiencies noted during this inspection.

Below is a historical comparison of Sworn Facility and Property Inspection compliance rates for the past six prior sworn facility Inspections.

Sworn Facility and Property Inspections Compliance Rate:



Results:

There were no deficiencies noted in the inspection on March 12, 2024, which resulted in an overall compliance rate of **100%**.

Date Inspection Started: February 06, 2024
Date Completed: April 08, 2024
Timeframe Inspected: March 2024
Assigned Inspector(s): Sr. Internal Auditor Specialized M. De La Cruz B4608
Assisting Inspector(s): Sr. Internal Auditor Specialized D. Paul B5459
Sgt. R. Bierwalter S1263

I have reviewed this inspection report.

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4/19/2024

Date