

## **CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP)**

**California Highway Patrol** officers are tasked with providing “Safety, Service, and Security” across California’s state highways and roadways. The California Highway Patrol is particularly focused on reducing collision and fatality rates in the state.

### **The History of the California Highway Patrol**

On August 14, 1929, the California Highway Patrol was created through an act of the Legislature. The primary mission of the California Highway Patrol is “the management and regulation of traffic to achieve safe, lawful, and efficient use of the highway transportation system”. As a major statewide law enforcement agency, the secondary mission of the Department is to assist in emergencies exceeding local capabilities. The CHP also provides disaster and lifesaving assistance.

### **California Highway Patrol Academy**

The legislation which created the California Highway Patrol on August 14, 1929 also authorized establishment of its own training school. The original Academy was located at Mather Field near Sacramento. The first Academy class began on May 26, 1930, consisting of a two-week session for Inspectors and Captains.

### **Academics**

Academically, cadets are responsible for 42 “learning domains” mandated by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), in addition to agency-specific policies and procedures. During the 27-week program, cadets will receive over 1,100 hours of training. The Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) is famous throughout the world as the finest law enforcement driver training program available. The course consists of a 2.3-mile, high-performance driving track, two skid recovery practice areas and a defensive driving course. The Weapons Training Unit has both an indoor and outdoor range, each equipped with 30 electronically controlled moving targets.

The entire area has lighting which can be controlled to simulate different environmental conditions or to allow training during hours of darkness.

### **The Specialized Departmental Training Courses**

The CHP Academy is recognized as one of the finest law enforcement institutions in the world. Courses presented include traffic accident reconstruction, commercial enforcement, emergency medical technician,

emergency vehicle operations, tactical riot and general law enforcement training. On graduation day you will have earned and will take great pride in your new position as an Officer of the California Highway Patrol.

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### **MOUNTED POLICE IN INDIA**

Mounted police officers patrol a designated area on horseback, enforcing laws and providing crowd control to maintain public safety.

The oldest recorded mounted police force is the London Bow Street Horse Patrol, which was established in 1758 for patrolling the roads around the capital and performing street patrols in the capital. The idea of mounted police quickly spread to other large cities in Britain and across Europe. Mounted police units were common during the British Rule in India. These units are still used in some states of India.

There are over 2000 horses and about 2500 mounted police officers in the country. In spite of comprehensive mechanization, mounted police have their own utility. The added height and visibility that the horses give their riders allow officers to observe a wider area, but it also allows people in the wider area to see the officers, who helps deter crime and helps people to find officers when they need them. That is why they are a common sight in the streets as a visible police presence during the day and night. Mounted police officers are very effective in crowd control, it is commonly said that a mounted officer is comparable to ten or more officers on foot in such situations. Some mounted police units may also be involved in search and rescue operations as well as the pursuit of suspects due to the horses' ability to travel where vehicles cannot move.

Mounted police are not only made up of specially trained officers but also well-trained horses. The horses go through training to be taught all the cues the mounted officers use and to be exposed to things they may encounter when working in busy environments. The horses are trained to do a lot of things. They must stand still for hours at a time and move into crowds on command. They need to ignore loud noises, like fireworks and yelling. The horses must also move shoulder to shoulder or nose to tail with other horses and walk, trot, and canter as part of a team.

The horses selected for mounted police dissolve barriers and increase personal contact between the public and officers. Seldom is public attention