

POLICE BICYCLE PATROL

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The concept for the Bern Township Police Bicycle Patrol originated began during the summer of 2000 as a solution to a rash of burglaries in a Bern Township neighborhood. Police officers began to patrol the residential area on personally owned bicycles while wearing plain clothes in hopes of locating the suspect. The approach was successful – the suspect was apprehended and the burglaries were stopped.

The Bern Township Police Department Bicycle Patrol serves residential neighborhoods, the Berks County Parks and Recreation Nature Trail and facilities, the Blue Marsh Lake Recreation Area, businesses and warehouses that are located along Route 183, and a number of special events including the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum's WWII Weekend, the Reading Air Fest, the Reading Fair, and Halloween patrol. Our bicycle patrol continues to be an effective means of deterring crime in our township.

Bern Township Police Department patrols with two specialized marked police bicycles and five specially trained and certified members.

Several Bern Township businesses, groups, and people generously donated the funding for this project. We sincerely thank them all for their assistance.