



**Hourly Distribution Schedule  
(Ten Week Program)**

***Mounted Patrol Training – Basic Academy***

**(San Francisco Police Department Mounted Unit Basic Training Course)**

Training Mounted Law Enforcement Officers: Theories, Protocol and Application

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***Mounted Police Academy – Week 1***

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 1** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	Introduction to “Training the Mounted Police Officer”
0900-0930	Evaluation and testing of body strength and effort
0930-0945	Break
0945-1200	Introduction to the Police Stable area
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Stable management
1445-1500	Break
1500-1600	Equipment issue
1600-1700	History of the Military Horse and Rider

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 2** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Stable familiarity
0800-1045	Stable duty
1045-1100	Break
1100-1200	Feeding / watering the horses
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1400	Horse breeds and basic anatomy
1400-1415	Break
1415-1530	Basic tack
1530-1700	Basic horsemanship

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 3** Wednesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Stable familiarity
0800-1045	Stable duty
1045-1100	Break
1100-1200	Feeding / watering the horse (grazing animal)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1400	Basic horse anatomy
1400-1415	Break
1415-1515	Basic tack
1515-1700	Basic horsemanship

**PLACE**            Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 4**            Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Stable familiarity
0800-1045	Stable duty
1045-1100	Break
1100-1200	Feeding / watering the horses
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1400	Basic horse anatomy
1400-1500	Basic tack
1500-1600	Review of Week 1
1600-1700	Preparation for Week 2

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 2*

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 5** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0930	Stable Management / Stable Duty
0930-1030	Grooming methods (horse cleaning and grooming)
1030-1045	Break
1045-1200	Introduction to tack (saddle and bridle parts / uses)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1415	Basic horsemanship
1415-1430	Break
1430-1600	Small arena training
1600-1700	Law enforcement from a horse (S.F.P.D.)

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 6** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-1030	Stable Duty
1030-1045	Break
1045-1200	Introduction to tack (saddle and bridle – parts & uses)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1430	Ground school training
1430-1445	Break
1445-1615	Basic horsemanship (stable arena)
1615-1700	Police mounted patrol responsibilities and duties

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 7** Wednesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-1030	Stable Duty
1030-1045	Break
1045-1200	Introduction to tack (saddle and bridle – parts & uses)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1545	Basic horsemanship (stable arena)
1545-1600	Break
1600-1700	Police mounted patrol responsibilities and duties

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 8** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0930	Stable Duty
0930-1000	Introduction to tack (saddle and bridle – parts & uses)
1000-1015	Break
1015-1200	Basic horsemanship (stable arena)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1430	Police mounted patrol responsibilities and duties
1430-1445	Break
1445-1600	Written exam & review of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of training
1600-1700	Preparation for Week 3

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 3*

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 9** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	Basic horsemanship
0900-1045	Equestrian training areas
1045-1100	Break
1100-1200	Prey animal (the Horse)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1430	The Mounted Unit Organizational Formula
1430-1445	Break
1445-1600	Police mounted patrol responsibilities
1600-1700	The Mounted Drill (mount and dismount a horse in a military fashion)

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 10** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	Basic horsemanship
0900-1045	On site / Police Stable farrier training
1045-1100	Break
1100-1200	Polo Field (outside track)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1430	The Mounted Drill (mount and dismount a horse in a military fashion)
1430-1445	Break
1445-1600	Police mounted patrol responsibilities & duties
1600-1700	Clean used tack and replace properly

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 11** Wednesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit – Wednesday group / Unit training
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Basic horsemanship
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Equestrian training areas
1445-1500	Break
1500-1545	Police mounted patrol responsibilities
1545-1615	The Mounted Drill (mount and dismount a horse in a military fashion)
1615-1700	Clean used tack and replace properly

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 12** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	Basic horsemanship
0900-1045	Equestrian training areas
1045-1100	Break
1100-1200	Police mounted patrol major responsibilities
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1530	Goose Neck (dressage) Arena, Golden Gate Park
1530-1545	Break
1545-1615	Review of Week 3 - testing / evaluations of Academy students
1615-1700	Preparation for Week 4

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 4*

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 13** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0830	The Horse (lecture & video)
0830-1030	Horse trailer training
1030-1045	Break
1045-1200	Law Enforcement from a Horse
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1400	Basic horsemanship (skills & knowledge) – small ring training
1400-1415	Break
1415-1530	Goose Neck (dressage) Arena, GGP
1530-1700	Trail ride with the instructor (walk & trot)

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 14** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	Basic horsemanship (skills & knowledge) – small ring training
0900-1100	Goose Neck (dressage) Arena, GGP
1100-1115	Break
1115-1200	Short trail ride / Polo Field track
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Law Enforcement from a Horse
1445-1500	Break
1500-1615	Trail ride with the instructor (walk & trot)
1615-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 15** Wednesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit – Wednesday group / Unit training
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Basic horsemanship (skills & knowledge) – small ring training
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Goose Neck (dressage) Arena, GGP
1445-1500	Break
1500-1615	Trail ride with the instructor (walk & trot)
1615-1700	Clean horse and used tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 16** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0830	Basic horsemanship (skills & knowledge) – small ring training
0830-1015	Goose Neck (dressage) Arena, GGP
1015-1030	Break
1030-1200	The horse (lecture / application)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Bercut Field & Sand (dressage) Arena, GGP
1500-1515	Break
1515-1600	Review Week 4
1600-1700	Preparation for Week 5

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 5*

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 17** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	Continuation of trailer training
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Basic horsemanship (Police Stable)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Bercut Field
1500-1515	Break
1515-1615	Sand (dressage) Arena
1615-1700	Trail ride back to the Police Stable

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 18** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	Basic horsemanship (Police Stable)
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Sand (dressage) Arena
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Long trail ride through Golden Gate Park
1500-1515	Break
1515-1600	Continuation of trail ride back to the barn
1600-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 19** Wednesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit – Wednesday group / Unit training
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Basic horsemanship (Police Stable)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Sand (dressage) Arena
1500-1515	Break
1515-1615	Trail ride through Golden Gate Park
1615-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 20** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	Basic horsemanship (Police Stable)
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Sand (dressage) Arena
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1530	Long trail ride through Golden Gate Park
1530-1545	Break
1545-1615	Review of Week 5
1615-1700	Preparation for Week 6

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 6*

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 21** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Veterinarian training / ride-along with the Vet (one on one) – ½ of the Academy student(s)

0700-0900	Other ½ of the Academy learner(s) stay at the Police Stable for the week– Basic horsemanship
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Use of the round ring
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Jumping
1500-1515	Break
1515-1615	Street ride on the inner Sunset and Richmond Districts
1615-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 22** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Veterinarian training / ride-along with the Vet (one on one) – ½ of the Academy student(s)

0700-0900	Other ½ of the Academy learner(s) stay at the Police Stable for the week – Basic horsemanship
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Use of the round ring
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Jumping
1500-1515	Break
1515-1615	Street ride on the inner Sunset and Richmond Districts
1615-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 23** Wednesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Veterinarian training / ride-along with the Vet (one on one) – ½ of the Academy student(s)

0700-0900	If not at Veterinarian training, - S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit – Wednesday group / Unit training
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Use of the round ring
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1530	Street ride on the inner Sunset and Richmond Districts
1530-1545	Break
1545-1630	Clean horse and tack
1630-1700	Set-up / arrange clothing locker(s)

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 24** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Veterinarian training / ride-along with the Vet (one on one) – ½ of the Academy student(s)

0700-0900	Use of the round ring
0900-1030	Street ride on the inner Sunset and Richmond Districts
1030-1045	Break
1045-1200	Continuation of street ride
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1545	Review of Week 6 (round ring or small Police Stable arena)
1545-1600	Break
1600-1700	Prepare for Week 7

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 7*

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 25** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Veterinarian training / ride-along with the Vet (one on one) – ½ of the Academy student(s)

0700-0900	Other ½ of the Academy learner(s) stay at the Police Stable for the week – Basic horsemanship
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Use of the round ring
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Jumping
1500-1515	Break
1515-1615	Street ride on the inner Sunset and Richmond Districts
1600-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 26** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Veterinarian training / ride-along with the Vet (one on one) – ½ of the Academy student(s)

0700-0900	Other ½ of the Academy learner(s) stay at the Police Stable for the week – Basic horsemanship
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Use of the round ring
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Jumping
1500-1515	Break
1515-1615	Street ride on the inner Sunset and Richmond Districts
1600-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 27** Wednesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Veterinarian training / ride-along with the Vet (one on one) – ½ of the Academy student(s)

0700-0900	If not at Veterinarian training, - S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit – Wednesday group / Unit training
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Basic horsemanship / Use of the round ring
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1530	Street ride on the inner Sunset and Richmond Districts
1530-1545	Break
1545-1630	Clean horse and tack
1630-1700	Set-up / arrange clothing locker(s)

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 28** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Veterinarian training / ride-along with the Vet (one on one) – ½ of the Academy student(s)

0700-0900	Other ½ of the Academy learner(s) stay at the Police Stable for the week – Basic horsemanship / use of round ring
0900-1030	Street ride on the inner Sunset and Richmond Districts
1030-1045	Break
1045-1200	Continuation of street ride
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1545	Review of Week 7 (round ring or small Police Stable arena)
1545-1600	Break
1600-1700	Prepare for Week 8

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 8*

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 29** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Warm up in the round ring for the riding exam
0800-1100	S.F.F.P. Equestrian Proficiency Exam
1100-1115	Break
1115-1200	Radio / firearm memorandum request
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1330	Memorandum request for mounted patrol uniforms
1330-1500	Radio & patrol equipment (Police Range & Building 606)
1500-1700	Uniform store(s)

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 30** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Warm up in the round ring for the riding exam
0800-1030	S.F.F.P. Equestrian Proficiency Exam
1030-1045	Break
1045-1200	Trail ride back to the Police Stable
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1415	Use of firearms & handcuffs for a mounted officer
1415-1430	Break
1430-1630	Ride along with the Trainer – beach ride
1630-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 31** Wednesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0900	S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit – Wednesday group / Unit training
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	S.F.F.P. Equestrian Proficiency Exam (if necessary)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Jumping
1445-1500	Break
1500-1700	Uniform store(s)

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 32** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Warm up in the round ring for the riding exam
0800-1030	S.F.F.P. Equestrian Proficiency Exam (if necessary)
1030-1045	Break
1045-1200	Uniform store(s)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Public Relations
1445-1500	Break
1500-1600	Review of Week 8
1600-1700	Preparation for Week 9

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 9*

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 33** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Go along on any detail to help / observe only (on the job training)

0700-0900	Field Training Officer (FTO) – Golden Gate Park
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Beats 1, 2, 3, & 4 (truck drive)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1530	Beats 7 & 8 (ride along with the Trainer)
1530-1515	Break
1515-1600	Beats 5 & 6 (lecture)
1600-1700	Beats 9 & 10 (lecture)

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 34** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Details (attend and observe if a mounted unit detail / assignment comes up)

1200-1600	Field Training Officer (FTO) – Golden Gate Park (Beats 5 & 6)
1600-1815	Swing shift duties
1815-1915	Dinner
1915-2115	Night ride / Bercut Field
2115-2200	Police Stable

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 35** Wednesday (S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit – Wednesday group / Unit training)

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Classroom - Registration and Introduction, Course Overview
0800-0900	Goals / Objectives, Topics and Tasks - Needs / Purpose
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Group Activity - Mounted Color Guard Questions
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1315	Protocol, Etiquette and Safety Guidelines – For Riding Arena
1315-1400	Classroom / Outside - Three Step Instructional System – Color Guard
1400-1600	Application of Skills / Protocol - Color Guard Formations & Movements
1600-1700	Written Examination, Review and Evaluation

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 36** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Details (if a detail comes up on the 9<sup>th</sup> Week – go along to observe)

0700-0800	Field Training Officer (FTO) – Golden Gate Park (Beats 1, 2, 3 & 4)
0800-0900	Conservatory / surrounding area
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Children's Playground / surrounding area
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1500	Concourse / surrounding area
1500-1515	Break
1515-1600	Review of Week 9 (stable)
1600-1700	Preparation for Week 10 (stable)

## *Mounted Police Academy – Week 10*

**PLACE** Marina Green onto Pier 39, San Francisco, California

**DAY 37** Monday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0830	Details / annual assignments – City & County of San Francisco
0830-0845	Break
0845-1200	Field Training Officer (FTO) – Marina Green – Pier 39
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Oral presentation (by each academy mounted student)
1445-1500	Break
1500-1600	Injuries on horse mounted patrol (HMP)
1600-1700	Clean horse and tack

**PLACE** Presidio, San Francisco, California

**DAY 38** Tuesday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

### **CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

- Details (if a detail comes up, be assigned with a senior mounted officer)

0700-0800	Field Training Officer (FTO) – City & County of San Francisco
0800-0900	Inspection of horse and tack
0900-0915	Break
0915-1200	Presidio (trailer to location and back)
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Uniform store(s)
1445-1500	Break
1500-1700	Uniform preparation

**PLACE** Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

**DAY 39** Wednesday (S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit – Wednesday group / Unit training)

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Classroom, Introduction, Course Overview and Learning Objectives
0800-0900	Explanation and Use of Mounted Crowd Control Equipment
0900-1000	Three Step Instructional System for Crowd Control Training (movements & formations) on foot / no horses
1000-1200	Warm-up Exercises (students / mounts), The Mounted Drill, Sensory Training for Crowd Control Exercise
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1430	Horse Baton Training (certification)
1430-1530	Riding Arena – ½ of class on horseback, ½ of class on foot, Application of Skills (sensory & crowd control exercises)
1530-1630	Riding Arena – ½ of class on horseback, ½ of class on foot, Application of Skills (sensory & crowd control exercises)Five
1630-1700	Examination, Review and Evaluation of Training Six

**PLACE** Union Square (Powell & Geary Sts.) & China Town, San Francisco, California

**DAY 40** Thursday

**TIME** / 10 Hours

**CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTIONAL EVENTS**

0700-0800	Field Training Officer (FTO)
0800-1000	Union Square (Powell & Geary Sts.) ride
1000-1015	Break
1015-1200	China Town (Grant St.) ride
1200-1300	Lunch
1300-1445	Getting ready for graduation ceremony
1445-1500	Review of Week 10
1500-1600	Review of 10 weeks of training (Mounted Patrol Basic Academy)
1600-1700	Final remarks

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