

Houston Police Mounted Patrol





OVERVIEW



- Roles and Responsibilities
- Benefits using Horses
- Usage
- Budget
- Sponsorship



FACILITY



The Houston Police Department's (HPD) Mounted Patrol was reestablished in October 1984. The unit was funded by a grant from the Downtown Central Business District. In 2009, Mounted Patrol along with HPD's Patrol Canine moved to the current location.





COMMUNITY –ORIENTED APPROACH



Mounted patrols offer a flexible approach to law enforcement that is difficult to achieve with standard vehicle or foot patrols alone.





ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



- Patrol
- Crowd Control
- Crime Deterrent
- Search and Rescue
- Community Engagement
- Expanded Patrol Coverage



BENEFITS



- Height Advantage
- Improved Crowd Control
- Community engagement



BENEFITS (CON'T)



- Expanded Patrol Coverage
- Better Situational Awareness
- Protest/Civil Unrest





USAGE



- 1992 Republican National Convention
- Galveston Mardi-Gras
- 2004 MLB All-Star Game
- World Series
- Parades
- 2016 & 2023 Final Four
- 2024 College Football Playoffs
- 2020 Civil Unrest



BUDGET



- VET & ANIMAL SUPPLIES
 - HAY
 - FEED
 - TACK
 - VEHICLE/TRAILER
- MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND LAB
- TRAINING





SPONSOR A HORSE PROGRAM



To ensure Mounted Patrol can operate at its current capacity, corporations, organizations, and individuals often sponsor a horse to offset the unit's operating costs for the 30 to 35 horse herd.

