



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief of Transportation
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Times Up
49 East Houston Street
New York, N.Y. 10012

Dear Times Up:

I have been informed that there is a "Critical Mass" bike ride scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2004 in Manhattan. Last month thousands of riders drove through the city breaking numerous traffic laws and I personally observed many acts of Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing Governmental Administration violations of the Penal Law.

Traffic was significantly impeded and dangerous conditions, both to riders and others, existed.

It continues to be our desire not to summons or arrest riders. However, these violations must stop and arrests may occur.

I suggest that you work within the framework of our laws and apply for a permit for the ride, which then might be sanctioned by the Police Department under our rules and regulations.

You may call the Operations Unit of Patrol Borough Manhattan South, telephone # 212-477-7484, and ask for Lieutenant Joseph Caneco or Assistant Chief Bruce Smolka to discuss applying for such permit.

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