



Front Rangers Cycling Club



*Partners with the Denver
Police Department.*

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*Creating a positive impact
on urban youth.*



Run by the private sector.

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*Funded by private and
public donations.*





History



MISSION STATEMENT

The Front Rangers Cycling Club is a program designed around cycling to:

- √ create positive role models
- √ enhance the image of law enforcement
- √ promote bicycle safety
- √ introduce youth to the sport
- √ further a healthy lifestyle
- √ support Junior Racing

The Front Rangers Cycling Club, established in January 1993, was founded on the belief that direct interaction with youth will offset the influences of drugs, gang membership, crime, and other social ills facing young people today.

The membership of the Front Rangers Cycling Club is composed of a group of adult professionals who are bicycle racers, ex-racers, and cycling enthusiasts. In addition, officers from the Denver Police Department are active members. All members share their time and enthusiasm to ensure worthwhile achievement for each and every participant.

The Denver Police Department, as our primary partner, recognizes and supports the Front Rangers Cycling Club as a vital link with Denver youth to encourage healthy recreational activities and drug-free lifestyles.



Member Objectives

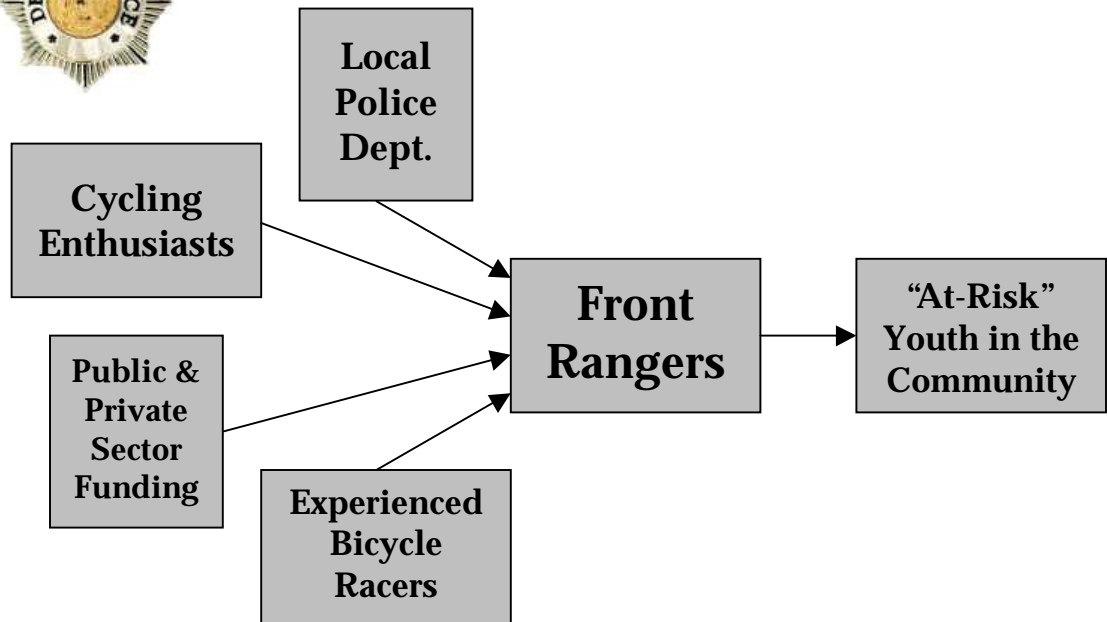


Front Rangers have established these objectives for all members and participants to gain lasting, valuable life experiences.

- v Introduce urban youth to cycling as an alternative activity to drugs and gangs, and ensure continued participation through the progression of the program.
- v Actively promote drug-free lifestyles, self-discipline, and the value of education through example and encouragement.
- v Educate and promote bicycle safety and the rules of riding on the open road.
- v Promote healthy activities with urban youth, the community, and law enforcement officers.
- v Offer positive role models for “at-risk” youth, and cultivate such role models within the community.
- v Develop cycling talent by offering advanced and competitive racing opportunities.
- v Organize large scale cycling events/races in the metro area in order to expose youth members to new cycling venues. In addition, enthusiastic youth and adult members meet for regular weekly rides. These rides and events begin in early April and continue throughout the summer cycling season.



Community Awareness



Front Rangers is a focal point for individuals and businesses willing to contribute to a unique grassroots recreational and racing cycling program within the community. The Club offers a powerful and highly visible means of promoting cycling and safety in Colorado. A wholesome, positive image is projected by Club members and participants in their role as ambassadors to the community.

Awareness in the Community

Rewards, awareness, and lasting impressions of Front Rangers are generated through:

- v **MONTHLY RIDES.** These are the core of our program. Adult members have one-on-one contact with youth participants through the group events or weekly rides, which replace the lure of gang activity and drug use in inner-city neighborhoods.
- v **CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT.** Many of the original youth members are still active in the Club and have progressed to accomplished cyclists.
- v **INCENTIVE PROGRAM.** Incentives are provided to youth participants to encourage participation, commitment, and camaraderie. Team uniforms, helmets, T-shirts, bicycles, trips to local races, etc. are earned through continued commitment and participation in the Club.
- v **LOCAL EXPOSURE.** Cycling jerseys bear the logos of Front Rangers, the Denver Police Department, and associated Club sponsors.
- v **Participation in local and national cycling events, such as the Mike Nields Memorial Bannock Street Criterium and Junior National Championships.**
- v **Promotion of the Club through television, newspapers, and national cycling magazines.**
- v **Youth members ranging in age from 6 through 18 years of age.**



Code of Conduct



ADULT Front Rangers Cycling Club members shall:

- v Participate in the monthly group clinic/ride.
- v Participate as racer/worker in Club-sponsored ACA race.
- v Obey all traffic safety laws.
- v Keep bicycles in proper and safe working order and ride with utmost safety.
- v Conduct oneself in a responsible and proper manner when representing the Club at functions and races.
- v Promote our current sponsors to the best of one's ability.
- v Assist the Club in achieving its goals.

YOUTH Front Rangers Cycling Club members shall:

- v Refrain from using drugs.
- v Stay in school.
- v Ride with a helmet at all times.
- v Obey all traffic safety laws.
- v Keep bicycles in proper and safe working order and ride with utmost safety.
- v Conduct oneself in a responsible and proper manner when representing the Club at functions and races.
- v Assist the Club in achieving its goals.
- v Commit to the Front Rangers Code of Conduct.



Achievements & Highlights



Since its inception, the Club has achieved the following:

- ✓ **AWARDED** Club of the Year from the American Cycling Association in 1996, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003.
- ✓ **RECRUITED** approximately 300 inner-city youth members, 180 racing and recreational adults, 10 officers from the Denver Police Department, and various patrons.
- ✓ **CONDUCTED** monthly group rides throughout the metro area to expose the youth participants to new parts of the city and safe riding areas. Group rides for Junior Racers, as well as skilled and enthusiastic youth, are organized on a weekly basis. In addition, each year our end of the summer event is a trip to Summit County to ride the mountain bike paths.
- ✓ **FIELDDED A TEAM** of Masters road and off-road bicycle racers from the core members who have successfully promoted the Club and competed in USCF, ACA, and NORBA races throughout Colorado and the western U.S. All adult riders wear uniforms identifying them as Front Rangers/Denver Police members.
- ✓ **RAISED** over \$25,000 every year for the program from 1993 through the present year. The bulk of our funds are spent on equipment, equipment upkeep, uniforms, event costs, insurance, and storage.
- ✓ **PURCHASED** new and used bicycle equipment to add to the inventory of equipment owned and maintained by the Club for the youth members. Several enthusiastic young members have earned their own bicycles and racing uniforms that have enabled them to ride year-round. This is an incentive to follow the Code of Conduct and remain involved with the Club.
- ✓ **ORGANIZED AND PROMOTED** the Mike Nields Memorial Bannock Street Criterium, a regional ACA bicycle race held on downtown Denver streets. This popular race is organized around a one-mile circuit for experienced racers, citizens, and youth alike. All profits of the race flow to the program. The race also serves to create a venue in which local youth, ages three and older, can experience the thrill of bicycle racing on the same course as the professional and experienced racers.



Management & Sponsors

Club Management

The Front Rangers Cycling Club management team and organizers consist of long-term cycling enthusiasts, in conjunction with representatives from the Denver Police Department. This core group contributes the spirit, enthusiasm, and personal commitment necessary for the success of the program.

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