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RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

Guidelines

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In order to facilitate the Ride Along Program, the following guidelines have been established.

I. GENERAL OPERATIONS

The following guidelines have been prepared to maximize the participant's education and minimize the intrusion into the officer's duties.

- A. Do not interfere in any way with the officer's method of handling an incident. You may and are encouraged to ask questions to the officer when the incident or assignment is over.
- B. Participants are required to use the vehicle safety belts when the vehicle is in operation.
- C. There may be occasions when the officer is dispatched to a call which might present a high degree of personal danger. In these situations, your assigned partner may drop you off at a safe location. You are to wait at that location until your assigned partner or a backup unit arrives to pick you up. Do not leave the area unless advised by your partner or his/her supervisor.
- D. During your experience you may observe an event which may require you to make a court appearance. If summoned to a subsequent hearing, you will be expected to appear.
- E. Participants are not permitted to carry any type of firearms or other weapon while involved in the Ride-Along Program; this includes, but is not limited to, knives, mace or tools.

II. TRANSPORTATION

Participants are expected to provide their own transportation to and from their assigned facility.

III. ATTIRE

- A. Participants will be attired in a fashion consistent with a positive public image.
- B. The following represents a brief catalog of unacceptable attire; however, it shall be up to the shift supervisor to determine whether or not the attire is appropriate.
 - 1. Shorts or mini-skirts.
 - 2. Slippers / zories. An exception to this is made for those going out with Boating Safety.
 - 3. Sweat shirts.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. A waiver of liability form and a confidentiality agreement form are attached to this statement. The waiver and agreement forms must be executed by the participant prior to the ride-along. If the participant is under 18 years of age, the forms must have a parental or guardian's signature of approval.
- B. Your officer/partner will be happy to answer any questions regarding hi/her duties and responsibilities. However, they cannot answer any questions regarding on-going investigations or about cases not handled during their shift.
- C. You may be subject to a search of your belongings prior to going on the ride-along. This is for your safety and for the safety of the officer. It is also to maintain the integrity of the cases responded to.
- D. No recording devices of any kind will be allowed during any portion of the ride-along. This includes, but is not limited to, tape recorders, cameras, or video cameras. The discovery of a recording device will be grounds to terminate the ride-along. Any film or tape already recorded will be confiscated.