



ERIE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Written Directives

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POLICY:

The Erie Police Department recognizes the importance of promoting and improving community relations and may authorize interested citizens to ride along with officers to observe daily operations and duties of Patrol Officers.

DEFINITIONS:

NONE

PROCEDURES:

I. RIDE ALONG REQUESTS

- A. Citizens and other members of the public who wish to ride along with an officer shall complete and submit an Erie Police Department Ride Along Request and Agreement form to Erie Police Records. Forms may be submitted in person or via email. (See Appendix A)
- B. A records check will be conducted by Erie Police Records on the person requesting the ride.
- C. Requests for a ride along shall be approved or denied by a supervisor. A supervisor who approves a ride along shall typically then schedule the ride and assign the rider to an officer.
- D. Requests for a ride along from a police applicant will receive priority over other general requests.

II. LIMITATIONS

- A. Approved rides shall typically be for a specific four-hour period. This time period may be extended at the discretion of an on-duty supervisor or Officer-in-Charge.
- B. Riders must be fifteen (15) years of age or older to ride. Any riders under eighteen (18) years of age must have the request form signed by a parent or guardian.
- C. Unless the rider is a law enforcement officer (current or retired), citizens with concealed weapons permits shall not be allowed to carry a firearm on a ride along. Police Officer riders shall be allowed to carry their weapon as long as it remains concealed. Citizen riders shall be required to secure their firearm elsewhere for the duration of the ride.

III. RIDER CONDUCT

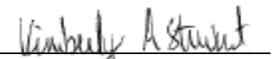
- A. Riders shall be informed of the following expectations:
1. Follow directions of officers;
 2. Wear a seatbelt in the vehicle as required by law;
 3. Certain information or observations may be considered confidential and not to be shared on social media or otherwise; and
 4. Riders may terminate the ride whenever he or she wishes.
- B. Riders shall not interfere with investigations in any way by conversing with victims, suspects, or witnesses, handling evidence or police equipment or participating in any police activity unless directed to do so by the assigned officer.
- C. Riders shall wear conservative clothing suitable for contact with the public and the weather conditions.
- D. Officers or a supervisor may terminate the ride if the rider's conduct becomes distracting or detrimental to police operations.

RULES:

NONE

REFERENCES:

Fort Lupton, CO Police Department Chapter 13
Aurora Police Department Directive 15.3


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