

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

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PURPOSE

In a constant endeavor to assist legitimate outside agencies to improve training and awareness of the procedures of the Bloomington Police Department, a Ride Along Program has been instituted.

PROCEDURE

This training/educational experience is limited to individuals and organizations which work closely with this Department in its objective to protect and assist the citizens of Bloomington. Individuals participating in the Ride Along Program must be at least 18 years of age. Those involved in the Police Explorer Scout program must be at least 16 years of age, those under the age of 18 must have filed a waiver of liability form signed by a parent or legal guardian with the Department prior to the ride along.

A person who meets the above criteria should first report in person to the Chief's office and make his intentions known. Once this person has been accepted to the Ride Along Program, he will then initiate an Assumption of Risk and Waiver form, provided at this initial stage. Once the form has been read and signed, a LEADS criminal history check and gang affiliation check will be made. After review of the criminal history check, a memo will be forwarded to the shift commander on the shift affected by the ride along. Attached to the memo will be a copy of the waiver form. The Chief of Police, or his designee, has the final authority in approving all Ride Along applicants.

Twenty-four hours prior to reporting to the shift for the program, the interested party should contact the shift supervisor for verification that the ride along appropriately fits into the shift's schedule.

Completing the form does not guarantee the party a specific ride along date, time, shift or officer preference, nor does it guarantee a definite amount of time set for ride along. This is all at the discretion of the shift supervisor. The ride along will be assigned to an officer by his shift commander. Those persons accepted to the ride along program will be limited to one four hour period every six months. This will allow all interested parties an equal opportunity and will keep shift disruption to a minimum.