



Quinlan Police Department

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RIDE ALONG PROGRAM POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Ride Along Program is designed for citizens, employees, applicants, students, and explorers to experience the law enforcement function first hand. This policy provides the requirements, approval process, and guidelines for the ride along program.

ELIGIBILITY

The Quinlan Police Department Ride Along Program is offered to citizens, residents, students, explorers, police prospects, law enforcement personnel, those employed and elected officials for the City of Quinlan. The following factors will be considered by the supervisor in determining whether an applicant is qualified for the Ride Along Program:

Prior Criminal History
Pending Criminal Action
Pending lawsuit
Any other lawful reason

(The Quinlan Police Department or Supervisor is not required to provide a reason for denial)

RIDE ALONG REQUEST

The applicant will fill out a Ride Along Request form and a Criminal History Release form. If approved by a supervisor, a background check will be administered.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

A criminal history check will be administered. An applicant may not be currently charged with any criminal offense for which conviction would be a bar to licensure for TCOLE (Class B Misdemeanor or above with no disposition). Applicant must have never been on court-ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of a Class B Misdemeanor or a Class B Misdemeanor within the last ten (10) years. An applicant must not have a disposition of Deferred Adjudication or Conviction on any offense above a Class B Misdemeanor or a Class B Misdemeanor within the last ten (10) years.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

If approved, civilian ride alongs will be allowed to ride no more than once every 6 months. Exceptions would apply to the following: Police prospects, Explorers, Law Enforcement Officers, and others approved by a supervisor. The applicant will possess a Valid Driver License unless the applicant is an explorer. An explorer will only be considered for the Ride Along Program upon approval by the Quinlan ISD Police Department. A Peace Officer that possesses a PID Number with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and possesses a valid Peace Officer ID Card may ride upon completing the Release From Liability form and providing a copy of his/her PID Card, Peace Officer ID Card, and Valid Driver License upon approval of a supervisor.



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SUITABLE ATTIRE

The rider will wear a collared shirt or blouse (Jacket is permitted along with shirt). Slacks or jeans are permitted (no shorts or ripped jeans). Shoes or boots must be worn (No sandals, flip flops, open toe shoes, etc.). The applicant may be denied if it appears that the applicant is not properly dressed or presentable.

OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILIITY

The officer must not be in a probationary period to have a rider in the vehicle. The officer must not provide a ride along for any relatives or other individuals with whom he/she has a personal relationship without approval from the supervisor. The officer shall advise dispatch that a rider is present in the vehicle. The officer shall maintain control of the ride along at all times. The officer shall consider the safety of the rider at all times. If feasible, the officer may let the rider out of the vehicle in a potentially dangerous situation at a place that is safe for the rider. If a pursuit occurs and a rider is present, the officer may let the rider out of the vehicle if possible. If a pursuit occurs and an explorer is present, the officer may let the explorer out of the vehicle or call off the pursuit. The officer will arrange for transportation for the rider if possible or arrange to pick up the rider as soon as possible. If such situation occurs, the ride along may be continued or terminated at that time. The officer may terminate the ride along at his or her discretion for any reason at any time. If the officer terminates the ride along, the officer is not required to give a reason for the termination to the rider.

RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

The rider shall obey the officer at all times. The rider will stay in the vehicle unless directed to get out of the vehicle by the officer. The rider will not possess a firearm, taser or other less lethal weapons unless the rider is a peace officer recognized by TCOLE, and the Supervisor and Officer have approved his possession of the weapon. The rider will not operate any equipment unless instructed to do so by the officer or emergency situations/exigent circumstances exist. The rider may request the ride along be terminated at any time. If the rider requests the ride along be terminated, the officer will terminate the ride along and return the rider to the Police Department or a safe place when feasible. If any of the ride along program's policy or procedure is violated, the ride along may be terminated by the officer at any time.