



Clark County Sheriff's Office

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Chuck E. Atkins, Sheriff

CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG RULES, POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

In an effort to assure your ride-along with a Deputy is as safe and pleasant as possible for both you and the Deputy, the following guidelines and requirements shall be followed:

- ★ A seat belt shall be worn at all times when the patrol car is in motion.
- ★ Do not smoke in the patrol car or around any Deputies without the verbal consent of all Deputies present.
- ★ Dress appropriately and comfortably. Be prepared for unexpected cool or wet weather. No gang-type clothing is allowed. Do not wear shorts, short clothing (like skirts) or any clothing with law enforcement insignia or emblems.
- ★ Our Deputies will be clean and well-groomed and the same is expected from you. This includes bathing prior to the ride; clean, neat hair and clothing; and no excessive use of perfume or cologne.
- ★ Do not bring a camera, video camera or tape recorder on your ride. These devices may distract the Deputy and can create a hostile response from citizens who may not wish to be photographed or recorded.
- ★ NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED ON THE RIDE. Do not bring guns, knives or chemical sprays on your ride.
- ★ Bring money for a meal break and/or drinks and snacks for yourself.
- ★ Please keep all talking to a minimum. The Deputy is responsible for listening to and responding to the radio at all times.
- ★ Do NOT engage in conversation with people that the Deputy is having contact with, such as victims, suspects and witnesses. You are an observer.
- ★ Do not get out of the patrol vehicle without the consent or direction of the Deputy.
- ★ Do not touch any of the controls, radios, buttons or switches in the vehicle.
- ★ Do not consume any alcoholic beverages before your ride along.
- ★ If you are ill, or have a cold, please call and reschedule a ride for another day.
- ★ Keep in mind that many people that law enforcement deal with are ill, diseased, bleeding, mentally ill and unpredictable. You may be exposed to risky and unhealthy persons and environments. Prior to your ride, any exposed cuts or sores you may have must be covered with a bandage/Band-Aid. If you should come into contact with any blood or body fluid, IMMEDIATELY notify the Deputy.
- ★ We will attempt to make the ride-along as interesting as possible; however, we cannot guarantee constant action. Often the Deputy will have to complete written reports, which could take up a large amount of your "ride" time. That is the nature of this work.
- ★ If you have any needs, such as something to eat, drink or the use of a restroom, feel free to advise the Deputy. Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs.
- ★ The rides are for a maximum of six (6) hours.
- ★ Any violation of these requirements will result in the immediate termination of the ride.

I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE LISTED POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS.

Rider's Printed Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature of Rider: _____ Date: _____

Deputy Sheriff: _____ PSN _____ Date: _____