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**RIDE-ALONGS**

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**POLICY**

**Ride-Alongs**

1. All requests for Ride-Alongs must be approved by an Inspector and must meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - a) a police applicant with the Delta Police Department (“Department”);
  - b) a student who is a minimum of 16 years of age who has a genuine interest in law enforcement as a possible career or who is enrolled in a post-secondary program related to law enforcement;
  - c) a volunteer or police staff employee within the Department, who for employment purposes, may benefit from front line exposure;
  - d) a serving police member from another police agency; or
  - e) any person whom the Deputy Chief of Operations or Administration deems suitable.
  
2. This Policy does not apply to police staff employees or volunteers who are riding with members for the purpose of their operational or administrative duties. Police staff and volunteer staff requesting a Ride-Along may obtain authorization through the Duty NCO.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

3. To establish guidelines for the Department Ride-Along Program that address safety, confidentiality and liability concerns.



## PROCEDURES

4. Members who wish to take out a Ride-Along must:
  - a) complete a police database check on the individual. Should the check reveal anything of concern, the member must apprise the approving Inspector of this information;
  - b) submit the approved Department waiver, read and signed by the applicant;
  - c) where the applicant is under nineteen (19) years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also sign the waiver, in the presence of the member receiving the application;
  - d) submit a brief history of the applicant, explaining how he/she meets the Ride-Along criteria and why he/she wishes to take part in the program;
  - e) the above information must be submitted to the approving Inspector 48 hours prior to the scheduled Ride-Along; and
  - f) as per Policy **OD11 – Police Vehicle Pursuit**, members will not initiate or engage in pursuit with non-police passengers in the vehicle.
  
5. Delta Community Police Station volunteers may obtain authorization through their community Police Station Constable. Section 4(a) does not apply in such cases. A waiver is to be completed in all cases.