

20.0 CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG

Persons desiring to participate in the Everett Police Department ride-along program shall forward a "Consent and Waiver for Citizen Ride Around", form PD-88, to the appropriate sector commander. This process should be initiated as far in advance as possible.

Sector Lieutenant or Patrol Sergeants must ensure that a records and warrants check has been successfully completed prior to approving all applicants for the ride-around program.

Sector Lieutenant or Patrol sergeants must ensure that the applicant signs the "Consent and Waiver for Ride Around" prior to that applicant being assigned to the designated officer. The completed waiver forms must be routed to and maintained, by date of request, in the Records Unit, by the Records Unit Manager.

Sector Lieutenant or sergeants shall assign the officers involved in the Ride Around program on their respective shifts. The sector lieutenant has authority to make any modifications in assignment of a rider based upon short crew, crisis situation, special or saturation patrol, etc.

Participants in the Ride Around program are limited to one outing only. The sector lieutenant may exempt this limit on a case-by-case basis. Red "Civilian Observer" jackets are available in the Sergeants office and shall be worn by participants while on patrol in order to be readily identified by other officers at incident scenes.

Assigned Officer Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the assigned officer to monitor the conduct of the participant to ensure they do not interfere in any investigation, except as may be requested. The general appearance of the participant must not reflect badly on the image of the Everett Police Department; functionally clean clothing is required. Any deviation of this standard will be reported to the sergeant for possible termination of the ride-along. If terminated, a memo will be filed with details.

If the assigned officer is dispatched to a felony in progress, where in the judgment of the officer, the nature of the call presents physical danger to the participant, it shall be at the officer's discretion to drop the rider at a safe location. Snopac will be advised of the location the rider was left in order to ensure they are picked up as soon as another uninvolved unit is available. This shall apply to any pursuit situation.

Citizen's rights to privacy must be protected. Therefore, while handling any call where the rider may compromise an individual's privacy, he/she shall not accompany the officer. Officers should be sensitive to the wishes and privacy of the victims/suspects and use discretion when determining the participation of the rider.

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In the interest of providing an opportunity for citizens to learn more about the operations of the police department, it is the policy of the Everett Police Department to have a ride along program.

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Citizens participating in the Ride-A-long program will generally be restricted to a single ride along per year. General guidelines for participating in the Ride-Along program are outlined in this procedure.

ELIGIBILITY

- An individual police applicant who has successfully submitted an application for employment as an officer with the Everett Police Department, completed the written exam and who is moving forward in the hiring process
- A student currently enrolled in a college degree program at Everett Community College in a criminal justice program
- A student at an Everett School District high school student who is completing their culminating project on law enforcement who is at least sixteen years old.
- Media members as approved by the Community Information Officer, or
- Family members or friends of an Everett PD staff

Upon approval of a lieutenant, an individual not meeting the above criteria may participate in a ride-along.

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PROCEDURE

- All riders must read and complete, with signature, the Everett Police Department Consent and Waiver for Citizen Ride Along form PD-286. A parent signature is required for riders under age 18.
- A copy of the rider's photo ID will be made and attached to the completed form
- All riders will have a records check completed prior to ride along
- The completed packet will be forwarded to the designated Ride-Along program manager (North Sector Night Shift Lieutenant) for review and scheduling of the ride along
- The program manager will notify the affected patrol sergeant of the scheduled ride-along and forward the completed packet to that sergeant
- Upon completion of the ride-along the affected sergeant will note the date the ride-along was completed and return the packet to the program manager
- The program manager will enter the data from the completed ride-along into the Ride-Along database, then return the packet to the Records Unit for filing

OFFICER GUIDELINES

- Officers assigned a rider will review each paragraph of the Consent and Waiver Ride Along form to ensure are expected to learn be familiar with and understanding of the potential hazards during the content and restrictions ride-along as noted in the Consent and Waiver Ride Along form
- Officers will provide any additional guidance to their rider, to include any expectations or restrictions during the ride
- Where, in the judgment of the officer, the nature of the call presents physical danger to the rider, it will be the officer's discretion to drop the rider at a safe location. The officer

shall notify SNOPAC of the location the rider was left to ~~ensure~~ so that they ~~are~~ can be picked up by an uninvolved unit when available.

- Unless a citizen has granted prior permission, officers shall not allow civilian riders to accompany them into locations where a citizen has an expectation of privacy, such as a private residence
- Officers shall not engage in a vehicle pursuit with a rider on board in the patrol vehicle.
- Officers will require the rider to wear the red "civilian observer" jacket during the ride when outside of the patrol vehicle
- Officers/Supervisors may terminate a ride along at any time

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