



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIELD SERVICES BUREAU ORDERS

SOP 4-15

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4-15 PATROL RIDE-ALONG

4-15-1 Policy

It is the policy of the Department to provide for civilian ride-alongs for the purpose of education or training.

4-15-2 Rules

A. Candidates Eligible to Ride-Along

Patrol ride-alongs are permitted for the purpose of meeting certain specific training and educational needs. It is neither a public relations program, nor is it intended to satisfy a citizen's curiosity about police work. Persons wishing to ride-along must belong to one of the following qualifying groups:

- Citizen Police Oversight Agency
- Community Policing Council
- Police officer applicant
- Reserve officer applicant
- Volunteer Chaplain Program
- Family Life Program
- Another law enforcement agency
- Albuquerque Police Department civilian employees
- Intern Program
- Or at the discretion of the Area Commander

4-15-3 Procedures

A. Submission of Ride-Along Request Form

The completed Ride-Along Request Form (PD 1002) must be submitted to the area commander or his designee in advance of when the ride is to occur. If a person submitting a request form is under 18 years of age, the form must be signed by a parent or guardian and notarized.

B. Waiving of Requirements

The area commander may waive any of the requirements on an individual basis.

C. Participation by Department Employees

Employees of the Police Department do not need to complete a Ride-Along Request Form (PD 1002) when they wish to participate in the program. However, the watch commander must approve the ride-along.

D. Control by Area Commander

Patrol Area Commanders have complete discretion over patrol ride-alongs and may establish any additional rules necessary to properly carry out the program.