

RIDE-ALONG NOTICE

The Tye Police Department Ride-Along Program provides an opportunity for citizens to experience the law enforcement function first hand. Ride alongs will be allowed to the following: Cadets, Explorers, Chaplains, Reserves, police applicants, Officers from other agencies, Dispatchers, EMS/Fire personnel and all others. Once approved, no more than one Ride-Along will be allowed in the officer's vehicle at a given time. Every attempt will be made to accommodate interested persons. However, any applicant may be disqualified without cause.

The Ride-Along Program is available each day of the week, day or night, with certain exceptions established by the Chief or on-duty officer. Generally, ride along requests will be scheduled by the Chief or on-duty officer responsible for the time or shift when the ride along is to occur.

All Ride-Along applicants are subject to a criminal history check. The criminal history check may include a local records check and a Department of Justice Automated Criminal History System check through TLETS prior to their approval as a Ride-Along. The following factors may be considered in disqualifying an applicant from the Ride-Along Program. The factors include, but are not limited to:

- Being under 17 years of age
- Prior criminal history
- Pending criminal action
- Pending lawsuit against the City and/or Department
- Denial by any supervisor

Once approved, no more than one Ride-Along will be allowed in the officer's vehicle at a given time. Any person approved to ride along is required to be professionally dressed. Sandals, t-shirts, tank tops, shorts and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn in the police vehicle. The Chief or on-duty officer may refuse a ride along to anyone not properly dressed.

Off-duty members of any other law enforcement agency shall not be considered on-duty and shall not represent themselves as a peace officer or participate in any law enforcement activity except as emergency circumstances may require.

All Ride-Alongs will follow the directions of the officer at all times. Additionally;

- The Ride-Along will not become involved in any investigation, handling of evidence, discussions with victims or suspects, or handling any police equipment
- The Ride-Along may terminate the ride at any time, and the officer may return the observer to their home or to the station, if the Ride-Along interferes with the performance of the officer's duties
- Ride-Alongs may be allowed to continue riding during the transportation and booking process provided this does not jeopardize their safety
- Officers will not allow any Ride-Alongs to be present in any residences or situations that would jeopardize their safety or cause undue stress or embarrassment to a victim or any other citizen
- Under no circumstances shall a civilian Ride-Along be permitted to enter a private residence with an officer without the expressed consent of the resident or other authorized person

PERSONAL INJURY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS WAIVER DOCUMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, not being a member, employee, or agent of the Tye Police Department (hereinafter referred to as "Department"), 205 North Street, Tye, Texas 79563, has made a voluntary written request for permission to ride as a guest or observer in a Department vehicle at a time when such vehicle is operated and manned by members of the Department. The undersigned has further requested permission to accompany a member or members of the Department during their official tour of duty as Police Officer(s); and

WHEREAS, the undersigned acknowledges that the work and activities of the Department and its agents is inherently dangerous, involving possible risk of injury, damage, expense or loss to persons and property through the actions of third parties or of the Department or its agents. The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that riding as a guest in a Department vehicle or accompanying an officer, employee or agent of the City of Tye (hereinafter referred to as "City") under the circumstances described above exposes the passenger or guest to risk of injury and harm. And, the undersigned also acknowledges and agrees that said Department or City did not take the initiative in extending an invitation to ride or accompany its members and did not assess a fee for such privilege;

NOW, therefore, it is understood and agreed that the undersigned and, if applicable, his or her parent or guardian hereby freely undertake the risk of injury of harm described above. And, further agrees that the City and all its officers, agents or employees including, but not limited to the Department, shall not be held liable, under any circumstances whatsoever, by the undersigned, his or her estate, heirs, successors, insurers, employers, assigns or any party claiming by or through him or her, for any injury, damage, expenses or loss of whatever type or as a result of being present as an observer of any law enforcement activity of the Department or of its officers, agents or employees.

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PERSONAL INJURY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
DAMAGE OR LOSS WAIVER DOCUMENT**

Date: _____ Name (print): _____ Signature _____

Gender: Male Female Date of birth _____ Age _____ DL/ID#: _____

Address: _____ Day Phone: _____ Night Phone: _____

Emergency Notification: _____ Phone#: _____

Since _____ is 17 years of age or younger, I hereby give my consent for him/her to participate in the Tye Police Department Ride-A-Long Program.

Signature of parent or Guardian (if under 18): _____

Prior arrests/convictions? Yes No If yes, Explain _____

(For Administration use only)

Odyssey Check Wants/Warrants Check Photo ID attached COPS/NC Entry by: _____

Ride-Along: Approved Denied If denied, reason for denial:

Police Chief's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Officer Assigned to: _____ Officer's Signature _____

Duration of Ride-Along: Date/Time Start: _____ Date/Time End: _____