



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS

SOP 1-6 (Formerly 4-15) Effective: 06/28/2022 Review: 06/28/2023 Replaces: 01/14/2016

**1-6 PATROL RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

**Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):**

A. Related SOP(s)

[1-12 Volunteer and Internship Programs \(Formerly 1-45\)](#)

B. Form(s)

Confidentiality Agreement Form  
Liability Waiver Agreement Form  
[PD 1002 Ride-Along Request Form](#)

C. Other Resource(s)

[City of Albuquerque One Albuquerque Volunteers Program](#)

D. Rescinded Special Order(s)

None

**1-6-1 Purpose**

The purpose of the Patrol Ride-Along Program is to provide education and training for civilian Department personnel and community members involved with the Albuquerque Police Department (Department)

**1-6-2 Policy**

It is the policy of the Department to provide ride-alongs for civilian Department personnel and community members as an opportunity to advance their knowledge of law enforcement.

**N/A 1-6-3 Definitions**

None

**N/A 1-6-4 Rules**

A. Eligibility for Participation in the Patrol Ride-Along Program

1. The Patrol Ride-Along Program is neither a public relations program nor is it intended to satisfy a community member's curiosity about police work.
2. Civilian Department personnel and community members are permitted to participate in patrol ride-alongs for the purpose of meeting their training and educational needs.



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3. A civilian Department employee or community member who wants to participate in the Patrol Ride-Along Program must be eligible for the Department's Volunteer Program or Internship Program, consistent with SOP Volunteer and Internship Programs, and belong to one (1) of the following qualifying groups:
  - a. Another law enforcement agency;
  - b. Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA);
  - c. Community Policing Council (CPC);
  - d. Civilian Department personnel;
  - e. Police officer applicant;
  - f. A volunteer in the Department's Chaplain Unit;
  - g. A volunteer in the Department's Volunteer Program;
  - h. An intern in the Department's Intern Program; or
  - j. With approval from the Office of the Chief of Police.
  
4. A civilian Department employee or community member who applies to participate in the Patrol Ride-Along Program who is under the age of eighteen (18) is only eligible for a ride-along through the Police Service Aide (PSA) program.

**7** 1-6-5      **Procedures**

A. Submission of Ride-Along Request Form

**N/A**

1. A community member must register to participate through the Volunteer Program consistent, with SOP Volunteer and Internship Program (refer to SOP Volunteer and Internship Program for sanction classifications and additional duties), including completion of the Liability Waiver Form and the Confidentiality Agreement Form.
  
2. A community member must submit a completed Ride-Along Request Form to the area commander or their designee prior to their scheduled ride-along.
  - a. The area commander or their designee shall provide the completed Ride-Along Request Form to the Volunteer Coordinator in the Department's Operations Review Section.
  - b. The Volunteer Coordinator shall store the completed form for at least one (1) year.

B. Participation by Department Personnel

Civilian Department personnel do not need to complete a Ride-Along Request Form when they wish to participate in the Patrol Ride-Along Program. However, the area commander who is over the area command in which the officer will take the civilian Department employee on a ride-along shall first approve the ride-along.

C. Control by Area Commander



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1. An area commander or their designee shall schedule the ride-along and shall assign the officer who will take the civilian Department employee or community member on a ride-along.
2. An area commander may establish additional requirements that are necessary to carry out the Patrol Ride-Along Program.