

IDAHO STATE POLICE PROCEDURE

02.09 RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

A. General

The intent of the ride along program is to provide realistic understanding of law enforcement activities.

B. Program Description

1. The program is open to (participants who are at least 18 years of age and are):
 - a. commissioned personnel of other law enforcement agencies;
 - b. ISP employees;
 - (1) Regional Communication Center (RCC) personnel may be assigned to ride along with ISP officers during work hours to become familiar with the area as part of their training, with approval of the Communications Captain or Regional Communication Center Coordinator and District Captain or Lieutenant, as applicable;
 - (2) RCC personnel with a desire to increase their basic knowledge of police work are authorized to ride on their own time with approval as above;
 - (3) New employees who have successfully completed entrance probation may participate once in a ride along during one shift, with approval, as above;
 - (4) Veteran employees who have not done so, may participate once in a ride along during one shift, with approval, as above;
 - (5) Spouses or significant others of commissioned employees may participate once per year in a ride along during one shift, with approval, as above.
 - c. students participating in a recognized college law enforcement curriculum, pursuant to the school's guidelines; and
 - d. civic leaders, elected and appointed officials, members of the media and other members of the public with a legitimate, professional interest, including those interested in becoming a trooper, in the operations of the Idaho State Police.
 - e. Members of the public with a legitimate, professional interest, including those interested in becoming a trooper, will be limited to two ride alongs in a calendar year pending positive feedback from the trooper who provided them with their first ride along.
2. The program is not open to the general public other than persons in the above categories.
3. It is recommended that a request to ride be submitted for approval at least 5 business days in advance of riding.
4. The following restrictions apply to ride along participants:
 - a. no uniforms may be worn by ride along participants;
 - b. no weapons may be carried by ride along participants;

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- c. persons requesting to ride with an employee may be subject to a criminal background check;
 - d. any request to participate may be denied;
 - e. all riders who are not commissioned ISP employees must complete a [EHF 02 09-01 Waiver to Ride Form](#);
 - f. a copy of the completed [EHF 02 09-01 Waiver to Ride Form](#) must be given to the Regional Communication Center prior to riding.
5. Exceptions to the above restrictions may be made with prior written approval by the employee's immediate supervisor.