

## RIDE-ALONGS

I. **PURPOSE:** To define policies and procedures for all S.A.V. ride-alongs.

II. **GENERAL:** Ride-alongs are defined as a non-S.A.V. member, or non-PCSD deputy, that participates in an S.A.V. patrol activity. Such persons must have completed, at a minimum, an application for admission to the S.A.V. Training Academy. Further requirements may be imposed by the Recruiting or Training managers. The S.A.V. Commander may approve exceptions to this policy, for instance for members of the press/media or VIPS (Sahuarita Volunteers in Police Service).

A. Candidates for the S.A.V. Training Academy may participate in a maximum of two ride-alongs per calendar month until the start of the S.A.V. Training Academy.

B. During the active portion of the S.A.V. Training Academy, students may participate in ride-alongs scheduled by the Training Division.

C. Students must complete ride-alongs as part of their graduation requirements.

III. **SCHEDULING:** The Recruiting or Training managers are responsible for determining and coordinating the ride-along requirements of candidates or students.

IV. **RIDE-ALONG ACTIVITIES:** Candidates or students will participate in the patrol for at least two hours. They may ride in the front seat of a single patrol or will ride in the back seat of a two person patrol.

A. During the ride-along, candidates or students will not operate the patrol vehicle, emergency equipment, or public address systems. They may not participate in any traffic control activities. They may operate the radio or MDC under the direct supervision of the Car Commander.

B. The Car Commander may allow the ride along, candidate, or student to participate in C9 checks, interviews and other non-hazardous activities. They must wear the SHERIFF reflective vest when performing C9 checks or other activities where they are visible to the public. This is necessary so that they are identified as being part of S.A.V.

C. All ride-alongs must sign a Waiver of Liability before each ride-along. The waiver will be turned in to the S.A.V. Commander by the Car Commander.

D. In case of an emergency, the Car Commander may direct the actions of the candidate or student in any manner to prevent the injury or loss of life of any person or to prevent property damage. In such cases, notification to the S.A.V. Commander will be made using the chain of command.