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**POLICE OFFICER ACCOMPANIMENT
(RIDE-ALONG)**

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POLICY

1. Individuals who are not Delta Police Department (Department) employees may be allowed to accompany a member, including as a passenger in a vehicle, during the member's shift, if approved by an Inspector.
2. Only the following individuals may be approved to accompany a member:
 - a) applicants to the Department for positions as a member;
 - b) students 16 years of age or older enrolled in a post-secondary program related to law enforcement or who demonstrate interest in law enforcement as a possible career;
 - c) a serving police member from another police agency; or
 - d) anyone else the Chief Constable or either Deputy Chief Constable deems to have a demonstrable and suitable interest in law enforcement.
3. Department employees and volunteers who may benefit, specific to their employment or volunteer role, from accompanying a member, may do so if approved by the employee's or volunteer's supervisor and the Duty NCO.
4. This Policy does not apply to employees or volunteers, including Reserve Constables, accompanying members for the purpose of the employee's operational or administrative duties, or the volunteer's role as a volunteer.

REASON FOR POLICY

5. To allow individuals in the community to accompany members and thereby develop a better understanding of the role and duties associated with policing, and to seek to ensure the safety of individuals while so accompanying a member.

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RELATED POLICIES

- IR10 - Emergency Vehicle Operation
- IR11 - Police Vehicle Pursuit

PROCEDURES

6. Prior to an individual, who is not a Department employee or volunteer, accompanying a member during a shift, including in the member's vehicle, the member must:
 - a) complete a police database check on the individual and, if the check reveals anything of concern, apprise the approving Inspector of this information;
 - b) ensure that a Form 36 (*Request to Accompany on Department-Related Activity: Request and Waiver of Liability*) has been completed and the waiver portion of the form has been read and signed by the applicant, and submit the same to the Inspector for review and retention;
 - c) where the applicant is under nineteen (19) years of age, ensure that a parent or legal guardian has also signed the waiver, in the presence of the member receiving the application;
 - d) submit a brief history of the applicant, explaining how they meet the Ride-Along criteria and why they wish to take part in the program;
 - e) submit the above information to the Inspector, for approval, 48 hours prior to the scheduled accompaniment; and
 - f) obtain Inspector approval.
7. A member accompanied by an individual who is a Department employee, but during hours for which the individual is not paid, must ensure that the individual has read and signed the waiver portion of Form 36.
8. A member accompanied by a volunteer, but during hours in which volunteer duties are not assigned, must ensure that the individual has read and signed the waiver portion of Form 36.
9. A member accompanied by an individual shall only allow the individual to observe events and not assist the member in performing their duties, except



- in extraordinary circumstances of immediate risk to the safety of the member or another person that necessitates intervention by the individual.
10. A member shall not reveal to the individual any information in CPIC or that could compromise a specific investigation, e.g., investigative techniques, involved officers, suspects, observation points.
 11. A member shall not allow the individual to be present when the member takes a statement from a suspect.
 12. A member may not allow an individual to accompany the member in a Department vehicle, except in a decal Patrol vehicle outfitted with a full array of emergency lights and siren.
 13. A member accompanied by an individual in the member's vehicle shall not exceed the speed limit, proceed past red traffic control signals or stop signs without stopping, or disregard rules and traffic control devices governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions, i.e., shall not exercise a privilege granted to drivers of emergency vehicles under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, unless:
 - a) the risk of harm to another officer, other person or the public requires the officer to do so; and
 - b) it is not practicable for the officer to have the individual first exit the vehicle and be left in a place of relative safety.

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