

FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

RIDE-IN INSTRUCTIONS

- A. You have requested and received permission to "ride-in" with a Fort Worth Police Officer during a tour of duty. The officer and the staff of the Police Department welcome you and sincerely hope this will be a rewarding experience.
- B. You must be aware that the nature of a police officer's duty is sometimes dangerous and at times involves tense situations. The officer's duty hours and activities are controlled by policy, procedure, and regulations. In the interest of a successful "Ride-In," please observe the following guidelines:
1. The officer's decision as to the extent of your involvement in situations is absolute.
 2. The officer may decide that in the interest of your safety your presence at a scene is not advisable, in which event, the officer may choose to let you out at a safe location and return to pick you up later.
 3. Uniformed officers on duty are prohibited from drinking alcoholic beverages and you are to likewise refrain from bringing such into a police vehicle or facility or consuming same during or immediately prior to your "Ride-In" tour.
 4. Whether or not you have a concealed Handgun License, if you are found to be armed with any firearm or prohibited weapon, your request to participate in future "Ride-Ins" will be automatically denied. You may also be subject to arrest for any such violation as per the Texas Penal Code.
 5. You will refrain from involving yourself in physical struggle or verbal argument with persons encountered by the officer during the tour; however, if the officer decides that your assistance is necessary and requests such assistance of you, you are bound by law to come to the officer's aid. (Article 2.14, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure).
 6. You are limited to a one (1) shift tour. Repeats within the next six (6) months must be by permission of the Neighborhood Policing District Commander.
 7. Only one (1) "Ride-In" person is permitted per police unit.
 8. You will remain with your assigned officer for the entire tour.