

Truro Police Department

CITIZENS OBSERVING PATROL

Truro Police Ride-A-Long Program

Policy Number: OPS-9.08
REFERENCE:

Effective Date: November 1, 2001

Accreditation Standards:

Mass. Gen. Law

Other: CORI Check Acknowledgement, Release of Claims

I. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS AND GUIDELINES

The Truro Police Department is committed to the community policing philosophy. As such, members of the Truro Police shall allow, from time to time, citizens to observe patrols. Scheduling and administration for this program will be accomplished by the Lieutenant.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Any citizens wishing to participate in the ride-a-long program must accomplish the following procedure in order to be considered. The Telecommunicator or Police Officer receiving such request shall ensure that these procedures are following:
- i. Upon request, a Telecommunicator or Police Officer shall inform the Citizen requesting to ride a long of the procedures, and shall give them an application, which included a release of liability and CORI check form.
 - ii. Upon completion of the application, the Telecommunicator or Police Officer shall forward this application to the Lieutenant.
 - iii. The Lieutenant shall cause a CORI check to be completed, and shall review the application.
 - iv. If the application is not allowed, the Lieutenant shall notify the Citizen requesting the ride-a-long.

- v. If the application is approved, the Lieutenant shall notify the citizen requesting the ride a long, and schedule the ride a long.
- B. The Lieutenant shall consider staffing levels, police activity and police operations prior to scheduling anyone for a ride-a-long.
 - a. Ride-a-longs will not be scheduled when one officer is working alone.
 - b. Ride-a-longs will not be scheduled with a part-time officer
 - c. Ride-a-longs will not be scheduled beyond 3:00 A.M.
- C. A police officer scheduled to conduct the ride a long may, at anytime, terminate the ride-a-long, if the officer feels that the observer may become a hindrance to police activity, or if such police activity cannot be accomplished with the observer present.
- D. When an approved observer arrives at the station for the ride-a-long, the Telecommunicator shall make an incident that the observer will be riding with the officer. The Telecommunicator shall also not the time in which the ride-a-long ends.
 - a. Advanced notice will be made to the shift hosting the ride-a-long.



**APPLICATION TO RIDE WITH A TRURO
POLICE OFFICER**

Name:	Date of Birth
Address:	
Home Telephone:	Work Telephone:
Best time to contact you:	
Social Security Number:	

Briefly describe your past experiences with any law enforcement entity:

How did you hear about the Truro Police Ride-A-Long Program?



RELEASE OF CLAIMS

I, _____ in consideration for the opportunity to observe and participate in the Truro Police Ride A Long Program, do hereby relieve the Town of Truro, and any employees, agents, officials, or representatives of the Truro Police Department and the Town of Truro of any and all liability for any and all claims which I may have as the result of my participation of program, and all activities related hereto; I further acknowledge that participation in the Truro Police Ride A Long Program, or related programs, may expose me or my property to risks or happenings encountered by police officers of the Town of Truro while in the performance of their duties. I, therefore, enter this program assuming all risks of injury to my person and/or property arising from my participation in the program, and in this regard assume and agree to pay for all medical costs or property costs occasioned thereby, releasing the Town of Truro, the Truro Police Department and its employees, agents and assigns for and against all claims, damages, injuries or causes of action which I, my heirs, executors or administrators may have herein.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ____ of _____ 2001

Signature _____

Name (printed) _____

Witness _____

Name of Witness (Printed) _____

CORI CHECK ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____ residing at _____
_____, acknowledge that a Criminal Offender
Record Information (CORI) check will be performed as part of the municipality's
hiring process. I further acknowledge that a refusal to allow the CORI check to
be performed will cause my application to be rejected.

Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____

Signature