



MCSCAAA
OPERATIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**OPP No. 8 – Procedure for Member “Ride Along with
Patrol” Program**
Revision 1
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MCSCAAA, in conjunction with MCSO, is implementing a “Ride Along with Patrol” Program which will allow Alumni Association members the privilege of being passive observers with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Patrol Division. The intent of this Procedure is to provide details of how the Program is to be managed and administered.

Purpose Of the Program:

The Purpose of this Program is to give Alumni Association members an ongoing opportunity to personally witness on a one-on-one up-close and personal basis the outstanding work the MCSO Patrol Deputies do each day. This Program will provide Alumni members a unique opportunity to personally experience a “behind the curtains” look at the drama, excitement and rarely boring life of an MCSO Patrol Deputy. The Program will also provide Alumni members with another avenue to engage with MCSO personnel, and something new and exciting to do, other than merely volunteering for events where they do such things as serving food, direct traffic and seat attendees.

MCSCAAA Program Manager:

The MCSCAAA President will appoint an alumni member to serve as the Program Manager, who will have responsibility for the successful implementation and operation of the Program. The term of the Program Manager will be at the pleasure of the President and the MCSCAAA Executive Board.

Roles Of the Program Manager:

The roles of the Program Manger include the following:

1. Successful implementation of the Program, following the tenets outlined in this procedure.
2. Serve as the overall administrator for the Program.
3. Work with the MCSCAAA Coordinator (Coordinator) to establish blocks of time for Alumni members to ride along with deputies as passive observers.
4. Implement and enforce the Alumni member rules of the Program, as noted below.

5. Thoroughly and clearly communicate to Alumni member participants the rules of the Program.
6. Develop and maintain the working schedule of time slots for the Program.
7. Issue calls for Alumni member enrollments for participation in the Program on a quarterly basis.
8. Maintain the list of Alumni member enrollments in the Program.
9. Working with the MCSO Liaison Officer, obtain current background checks for Alumni member participants, when needed.
10. Assign Alumni members to available time slots for participation in the Program.
11. Address any complaints against Alumni member participants received from MCSO Patrol supervisor, elevating serious issues to the MCSCAAA Executive Board.
12. Keep the MCSCAAA Executive Board fully advised of the status of the Program on a monthly basis.
13. Accept overall responsibility for the smooth operation and success of the Program.

Operational Plan For The Program:

1. The Coordinator will be responsible for authorizing all ride along applicants, issuing the proper forms, and providing initial instructions to the Alumni member. Submitting a request does not guarantee ride along approval.
2. The file of original "Authorization & Release of Liability Agreement" will be maintained in the Coordinator's office.
3. Only one (1) ride along is permitted within a three (3) month period
4. The Ride Along Program is available on most days of the week, with certain exceptions established by the supervisor handling the request. A ride along session typically lasts 12 hours, however, they can last longer depending on the circumstances or with the on-duty supervisor's approval.
5. The ride along times may be approved for any time of the day deemed appropriate by the Coordinator.
6. Alumni members are allowed to record their time in AVP for hours spent at these sessions, as they are actively engaged with MCSO personnel in these sessions.

Rules Of The Program:

1. Alumni members wishing to participate in the Ride Along program must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Alumni participants must be members in good standing with the MCSCAAA, with dues current.
3. All participants in the Ride Along Program must read, agree, and abide by all rules and guidelines and complete the Ride Along application and the Waiver of Liability forms before the ride along.
4. Background checks will be conducted on all applicants. **Felony arrests and/or convictions will result in an automatic disqualification. All other arrests and/or convictions will be reviewed on a case by case basis.** A poor driving history may also be cause for denial to participate. Participants must complete the Ride along application and all forms at least 48 hours prior to the first requested date of participation.
5. The application and Waiver of Liability will be valid only for the approved time period. A new

- application and Waiver of Liability must be submitted for each ride along request.
6. Participants must have a valid photo ID or driver's license with them when reporting for their scheduled ride along. Alumni participants should always wear their MCSCAAA badge during the ride along.
 7. Participants must be dressed in their alumni blue polo-style shirt. White Alumni dress shirts are NOT allowed. Closed-toe shoes are required. Nice jeans are permitted. No flip flops, sandals, shorts or t-shirts are allowed. If a participant shows up for their ride along and they are not in appropriate clothing, they will be denied participation in the ride along program.
 8. Participants shall be considered an observer only and shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned deputy during the ride along.
 9. Participants shall conduct themselves in a civil and courteous manner at all times.
 10. Participants must wear their seat belts at all times while in any MCSO vehicle.
 11. Participants must remain in the MCSO vehicle unless instructed to leave by a deputy.
 12. In the case of a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, participants may be dropped off at a safe location. If this occurs, the deputy will give the participant specific instructions and arrange to have them picked up by another deputy. This is for the rider's safety.
 13. Participants must not become involved in any incident the deputy is handling. This includes discussions of an incident with victims, witnesses, or suspects.
 14. For security and safety reasons, participants are not allowed to handle or use any of the deputy's equipment in the MCSO vehicle.
 15. Failure to comply with any of the above-mentioned rules and guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the ride along.
 16. The ride along program is a privilege, and the Coordinator may deny permission to ride for any reason. A Shift Supervisor may terminate your ride along at any time if in their opinion your continued participation presents an undue risk. A complete report will be forwarded to the Sheriff of the reason for termination.

Prohibited Acts

The Alumni Member:

1. Will not consume alcoholic beverages within eight (8) hours of or during the observation period.
2. Will not use profane or abusive language during the observation period.
3. Will not engage in excessive conversation, which may distract the officer or interfere with hearing the police radio. When the radio is in use, you stop talking and listen.
4. Will not make remarks or voice opinions to complainants, witnesses, victims, violators, or suspects in any manner which would tend to provoke or degrade anyone or escalate tension.
5. Will not be allowed into a private residence during the execution of a search or arrest warrant.
6. Will not make known to any unauthorized person information that may compromise a police operation, procedure, or investigation that is either in progress or proposed.
7. Will not make known to any unauthorized persons the identity of persons arrested, persons confined in jail, or suspects in a criminal act.
8. Will not use information learned during an observation period for personal gain.
9. **Will not carry weapons of any type. Observers possessing a Concealed Handgun License will not be allowed to carry a weapon during the observation period.**
10. Will not photograph or video record any portion of any incident they respond to while riding with an MCSO Deputy.
11. Non-sworn observers do not have any powers of a police officer and have no authority except when acting at the direction of a police officer.

As a member of MCSCAAA, I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of OPP No. 08 and agree to follow the Rules of The Program as stated herein.

Printed Name

Signed

Date

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