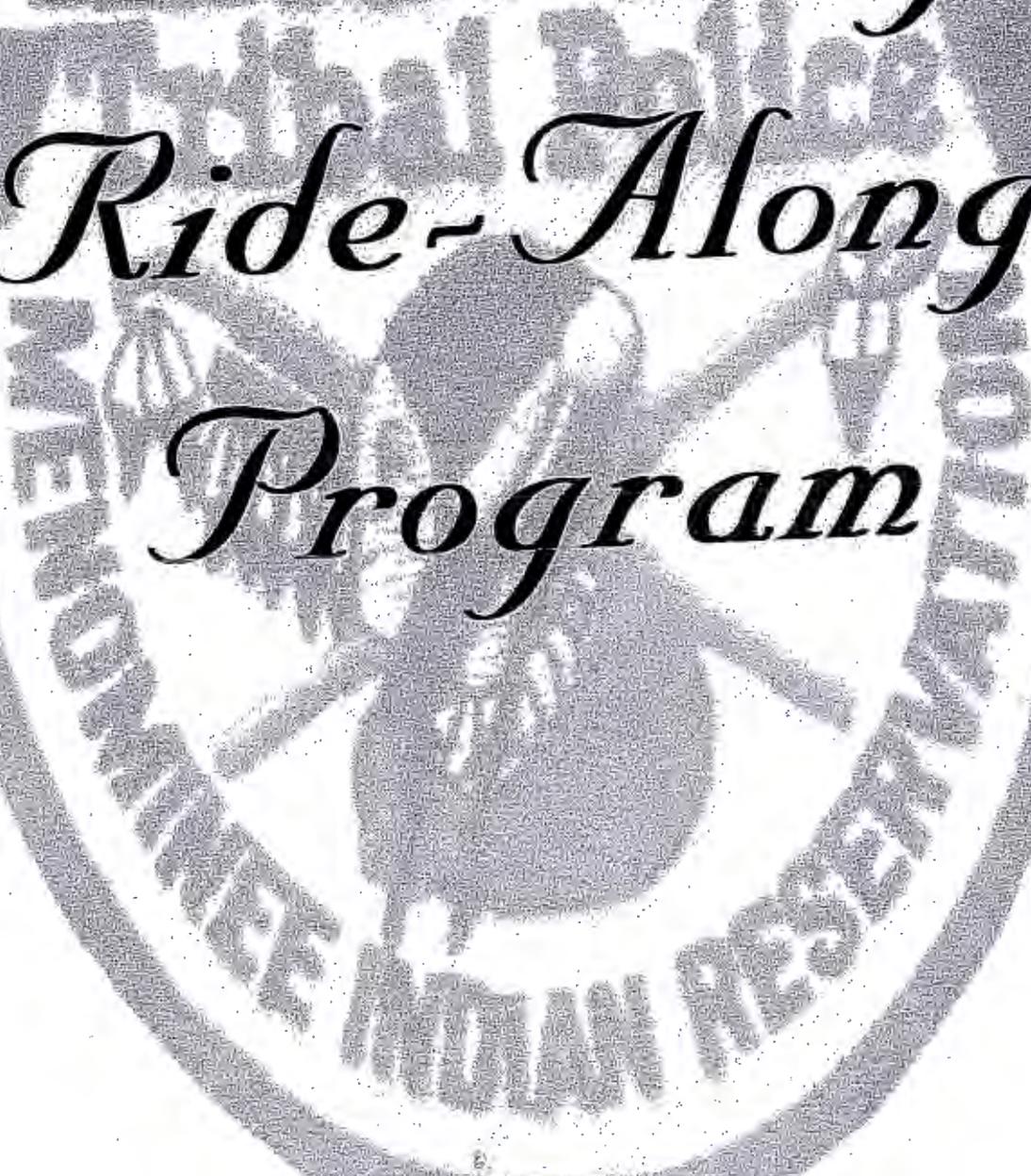


MEMORANDUM

*Community
Ride-Along
Program*



Menominee Tribal Police Department Community Ride-Along

The community ride-along program allows citizens to voluntarily accompany officers and to observe law enforcement activities to better understand the problems of policing. The observer may request to ride in any area at any time or with a particular officer. The Chief of Police must grant permission for the ride along. Safety is a primary concern.

1. Persons who want to participate in the ride along program pick up ride-along forms at the police department during normal business hours daily. Completed request forms and waivers should be returned at least 48 hours before the desired ride-along date.
2. The Chief of Police will require that a records check be completed on any applicant for ride-along. (Authority to records check signed by applicant)
3. Limitations on the ride along program.
 - A. A person may not ride unless approval has been granted and the Chief of Police has the properly completed waiver. Approval is for one specific eight-hour period unless the Chief of Police grants special limitations or extensions.
 - B. Police spouses may participate in the Ride-Along Program. When both husband and wife agree, and the commanding officer approves, the spouse will not ride together in the same squad on the same shift.
 - C. No more than one observer will accompany an officer at a time.
 - D. Juveniles must be 16 years of age or older to ride and must have request and waiver forms signed by parent or guardian.
 - E. No one is allowed to observe police activities relating to raids or ride with plain-clothes units without specific advance coordination and approval of the Chief of Police.
4. Activities at the beginning of the tour.
 - A. The ride along participant may request a specific officer by name, but the on-duty supervisor will appoint a host officer.
 - B. Before the ride, the on-duty supervisor provides an observer's comment form to the observer and asks the form be completed and turned in at the end of the ride. The host officer is provided an officer's ride-along report and completes and turns in the form at the conclusion of the ride.
 - C. The observer must be appropriately dressed; if not, the on-duty supervisor may cancel the ride along approval.
 - D. The host officer instructs the observer on the procedures required while riding, which must include:
 1. Observer must follow directions of the officer.

2. Observer may be required to appear as a witness in court.
3. Observer may terminate the ride whenever he/she wishes.
5. Participate Conduct during the Tour
 - A. Participants at all times remain under the control of the assigned officer and comply with all directions and requests.
 - B. Participants do not interfere with investigations in any way by conversing with victims, suspects, or witnesses, handling evidence or police equipment, or participating in any police activity unless directed to do so by the assigned officer.
 - C. If participant indicates a desire to cease participating in the ride at any time, the officer returns the observer to the point of origin as soon as possible.
5. If the host officer believes that there are no hazards involved during the arrests, transporting, or booking of a prisoner, the observer may accompany the officer while transporting or booking prisoners. If the officer believes a problem may arise, the observer should be temporarily transferred to another officer or returned to the point of origin.
6. Ending Tour.
 - A. Upon completion of the ride, the officer returns the observer to the police station and thanks him/her for their interest.
 - B. The officer asks the observer to complete the observer's comment form.
 - C. The officer forwards the completed observer forms to the Chief of Police for review and filing
7. Prohibited activities.
 - A. **At no time** may an officer, while accompanied by an observer, engage in emergency or pursuit driving, respond to a crime-in progress reportedly involving violence, or perform a felony stop. If officers must perform such activities, they must deposit observers at a safe location.
 - B. **To verify that the officer has read this policy please sign below.**

Officers signature

Date

Dear Observer:

The Menominee Tribal Police Department hopes that your Ride-Along has been informative, enlightening and has given you an insight into the problems facing law enforcement, your police officers, and your community. I welcome comments, positive or negative, that you care to make

Sincerely,

Bryan Lepscier, Chief of Police

OBSERVER'S RIDE-ALONG COMMENTS:

Name of Rider _____

Age _____ Name of Officer assigned to: _____

1. What impressed you the most?
2. In what way did this experience affect your attitudes?
3. Relate any suggestions for or criticisms of the program.

Signature of Observer: _____

Menominee Tribal Police Department
Citizen Ride-Along Request

To Chief of Police:

I would like to ride along (date) _____, accompanying
Officer _____ for the following reason:

I have read and signed the release form and I understand the provisions.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____ Date: _____

(Parent/guardian signature required if applicant is a juvenile.)

Official Use Only

From: Chief of Police

To: Officer _____

Subject: Authorization to Ride with Patrol Officer

Request is (circle one) **Approved** **Disapproved**

Observer is authorized to ride-along with _____ on
Date _____ from _____ (indicate start/end time).

Officer's Ride-along Report

Date of ride? _____ Time of ride? _____

Officer: _____ Name of rider? _____

Any comments or problems? _____

If this person again request ride-along permission, should it be granted? (circle one) Yes No (if no explain)

Officer's signature: _____

RECORDS CHECK AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby consents to a State, Federal and Tribal records check Traffic check to be conducted by the Menominee Tribal Police Department as a condition of participating in the "Community Ride Along Program." I further allow the Menominee Tribal Police Department to review all criminal record/traffic check information and to use it as a basis of allowing or disallowing my participation in the above program.

I hereby waive all liability to and I indemnify the Menominee Tribal Police Department, the Menominee Indian Tribe and their agents and assigns regarding the collecting, reviewing, storing, using or handling the above data. I further understand and consent to allow the Menominee Tribal Police Department to release the above information to other law enforcement agencies, courts or other agencies where the Menominee Tribal Police Department has a legal obligation or duty to do so.

Participant
Community Ride Along Program

Date

Witness

Date

Release and Waiver

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that I, _____
On my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, estate agents and assigns, and representative of any nature whatsoever, for and in consideration of the authorization and permission to accompany officers or any officer of the Menominee Tribal Police Department during the court of their or his duties, which has been granted to me at my voluntary request, after having been fully advised of the potential hazards of such activity or activities, do hereby **WAIVE AND RELEASE** all demands, damages, actions, causes of action, suits and claims of any nature whatsoever, whether in law or in equity, that I or my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, estate, agents and assigns, and representatives of any nature whatsoever might otherwise have against The Menominee Tribal Police Department, and each and every officer, official; member, employee, agent and attorney thereof and therefore, and his or her heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and estate, on account of my death or injuries, both to person and to property, whether foreseeable or not, which may occur, directly or indirectly, or develop at any time in the future as a result of my activities or association with the law enforcement department, whether in a police vehicle, in the police station, or otherwise associated with the law enforcement department and officers and officials thereof in any manner whatsoever.

It is expressly agreed and understood that this **WAIVER AND RELEASE** have been fully read and understood by me, and freely and voluntarily entered into the accepted by me, and I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this agreement.

In further consideration of the aforesaid authorization and permission granted to me to accompany an officer or officer of the law enforcement at my own request, I hereby promise and agree to fully comply with all instructions given to me for the purpose of protecting my personal safety and that of my property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this _____ day of, _____ 20 _____

The Chief of Police must approve this waiver

Signature, Law Enforcement Officer-in-Charge: _____

Signature of Rider: _____

Parent/Guardian signature(if rider is a juvenile) _____

Signature of Witness: _____