



White Mountain Apache Police Department

White Mountain Apache Tribe



Ride Along Program

The purpose of the White Mountain Apache Police Department Ride-Along Program is to encourage interest in law enforcement and to educate the community about what the police department does daily, and to help residents become familiar with the officers and the department. The Ride-Along Program promotes a better understanding of the challenges, risks and rewards of the police officer’s role in the community.

Rules and Regulations

- Must be 16 years of age.
- The Chief of Police may make an exception to age requirement if the parent or legal guardian of a minor submits a request in writing.
- Persons who have never participated in the Ride Along Program shall be given preference over those who have.
- Participants are only allowed to ride twice every six months.
- Participants must have a valid photo ID or driver’s license when reporting to their schedule ride along.
- Participants shall be considered an observer only, and shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned officer during the ride along.
- Participants will remain in the patrol unit, unless instructed by the officer.
- Participants must wear their seatbelts while inside the patrol unit.
- Participants shall conduct themselves in a civil and courteous manner at all times.
- Participants must wear neat, clean, appropriate clothing. (Shorts, sweat suits or jogging suits, tank tops, halter tops, or clothing that is torn, soiled or displays offensive language or symbols will not be allowed)
- Participants must remain in the patrol car unless instructed to leave by an officer.
- In the case of a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, participants may be dropped off at a safe location. If this occurs, the officer will give the participant specific instructions and arrange to have them picked up by another unit.
- Participants must not become involved in any incident the officer is handling. This includes discussions of an incident with victims, witnesses, or suspects.
- Participants are not allowed to handle or use any of the officer’s equipment or the equipment in the patrol vehicle.
- No tape recordings, cameras, or similar devices are allowed without prior approval from the Chief of Police.
- Failure to comply with any of the above listed rules and guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the ride along.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Ride Along Rules and Regulations listed above.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is a juvenile)

Date

Witness Signature

Date



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RIDE ALONG REQUEST

I, _____, have requested to Ride Along with the White Mountain Apache Police Department. I understand that I am not to represent myself as a Law Enforcement Officer and that a supervisor can terminate the Ride Along at any time without a reason. I further understand that I will not assist in any incident that the officer is handling.

LOCAL WARRANT CHECK

I understand that I will be subject to a local warrant check prior to approval for a Ride Along with a Police Officer. I authorize the White Mountain Apache Police Department to conduct a local warrant check. I willingly provide the following information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Social Security #: _____ Physical Address: _____
Phone: _____ P.O. Box #: _____

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I will not, at any time, disclose or discuss any information that I observe or hear during the course of this Ride Along to anyone outside the White Mountain Apache Police Department, which includes family members and friends. Unauthorized disclosure is not limited to phone calls, text messages, emails and internet postings of any type which include photos. I understand that any violations of this confidentiality agreement will terminate the Ride Along indefinitely.

LIABILITY WAIVER

I hereby release and hold harmless the White Mountain Apache Police Department, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and its employees from any and all liability for any damage and injury which I may receive while accompanying White Mountain Apache Police Officers, regardless of the cause of such damage or injury whether through negligence or otherwise. 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. I further agree to assume all risks in riding in a White Mountain Apache Police Department police vehicle and in accompanying its police officers. And I am fully aware that personal danger may be involved.

I hereby declare that the terms of this WAIVER and RELEASE have been fully read and understood by me, and freely and voluntarily entered into and accepted by me.

_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent/Guardian (if signee is a juvenile)	_____ Date
_____ Witness	_____ Date
_____ Chief of Police – Theodore Shaw	_____ Date