

. CUERO POLICE DEPARTMENT
Citizen Observer Instructions and Rules

The Cuero Police Department welcomes you to ride, as an observer, with one of our officers. As a professional law enforcement organization, we constantly strive to improve the level of service to our community. To that end, it is necessary to establish and maintain certain rules which govern the conduct and activities of citizens who ride with our officers to ensure the integrity of our Department is protected. In order for a citizen to ride, as an observer, with the Cuero Police Department, he/she:

1. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
2. Must complete and submit the Rider Information Form and the Release of Claims Form to the Chief of Police, during normal office hours, a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance.
3. Must be willing to undergo a background check, by the Department, to ensure the rider does not have an unacceptable criminal record and/or outstanding warrants.
 - a. Must never have been convicted of a felony or any criminal offense involving moral turpitude.
4. The approved rider must present their own copy of the written request form and a picture I.D. to the on duty supervisor that accommodates the rider's request for an observation ride.
5. Observers in the Ride along Program are guests of the Police Department and shall conduct themselves in an appropriate responsible manner. Observers will:
 - a. Not use alcoholic beverages immediately prior to or during the watch that they are to ride;
 - b. Not use profane or abusive language or behave in any manner that would provoke or escalate tension;
 - c. Not enter into any investigation or converse with any citizen, witness, or prisoner concerning a police incident or investigation;
 - d. Not make known to unauthorized persons the identity of persons arrested, detained, confined in jail or suspected of an offense;
 - e. Not operate or use any police equipment or vehicle or any item in police custody or control except in case of an extreme emergency when instructed to do so by a police officer;
 - f. Not carry a firearm (unless they are commissioned peace officers) or convey the impression or state to anyone that they are police officers;
 - g. Remain in the police car during routine traffic stops and disturbance calls of a serious nature and they shall not enter a house, building, or other property, public or private, from which the public would be excluded because of a police incident or by the owner of the property; and

- h. Obey without question any instructions in the furtherance of the police mission given by a police officer.
6. Dress and Grooming Standards:
- a. Observers in the Ride along Program must dress and groom themselves in an appropriate and business like manner. The on duty supervisor or his designee, will be the final judge of whether or not an observer's attire and/or grooming is appropriate for riding in a police car.
 - b. Minimum requirements are slacks or dress jeans and a shirt with a collar for males, slacks or dress jeans and a blouse for females. T-shirts and worn or unsightly blue jeans are not acceptable attire.
 - c. Riders will be clean and neat in appearance, hair will be groomed in such a manner that it can be maintained under all, but the most adverse conditions and does not present a ragged, unkempt, bushy or extreme appearance.
 - d. No observer shall wear, on his/her clothing, anything that advertises any product, business, or organization, or any sign, symbol, or word(s) that are inflammatory in nature.
7. Citizen observers will be allowed to ride for a four (4) hour period, unless circumstances justify otherwise. Additional time must be approved by a supervisor.

On behalf of all the Cuero Police Department and myself, I hope that you find this as an educational, but enjoyable experience which serves to provide you with a better understanding of the law enforcement profession.

Glenn Mutchler,
Chief of Police

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this the _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared before me the said _____ known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he freely and voluntarily executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for
the State of Texas

Printed or Typed Name of Notary

My commission expires:

**CUERO POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG REQUEST**

Dear Sir or Madam:

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

_____.

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

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time of Day to Contact: _____

Date: ____/____/____ _____
Signature

Parent or Guardian *(if rider is a juvenile)*

From: Chief of Police

To: (Officer)

Subject: Authorization

Request is Approved Denied *(check one)*

Observer Authorized to Ride *(hours)* _____ On *(date)* _____

With Officer *(name)* _____ In *(area)* _____

**CUERO POLICE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION**

Name *(Last)* _____ *(First)* _____ *(MI)* _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Driver's License: _____ Social Security: _____

Law Enforcement Affiliation *(if any)*: _____

Reasons for Request: _____

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Reviewed by: _____ Rank: _____

Time/Date: _____

Disposition: Approved Denied *(check one)*

Signature: _____

Remarks *(Reasons for denial, or Officer and Beat Assignment)* _____

Unit Number Assigned: _____ Officer Assigned: _____

CUERO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject: Evaluation – Ride-Along Program

TO:

(Commanding Officer)

FROM:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ AGE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

On *(date)* _____ I was given the opportunity to ride-along
with Officer _____ of the Patrol Division.

The following is my evaluation of the program:

(Signature)

Please mail this evaluation to:

*The Cuero Police Department
Chief of Police
Po Box 660
Cuero, Texas 77954*

CUERO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: Officer's Evaluation of Participant in Ride-Along Program

TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Officer _____

EVALUATION OF: _____

ON (date) _____, I participated in a Ride-Along Program with the above-named person.

My impressions of this person and his/her conduct during the Ride-Along are as follows:

(Officer)

(Patrol Supervisor)

(Lieutenant)

(Chief of Police)

Forward through Chain of Command to the Chief of Police