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Some information on the Ridealong Policy

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The ridealong policy of Post 823 was carefully developed and reviewed by national headquarters in Dallas. The purpose of this careful assessment was to provide maximum safety for Explorers who accompany a Cicero Police Officer on an actual duty shift. Since a police officer's job is to manage and respond to unforeseen events, it was imperative that we ensure that the Explorer and parent are aware of the risk.

However, this should not cause people to infer that the Explorer is in imminent danger. An Explorer participating in a ridealong is required to stay with the vehicle at all times. The supervising police officer is also required, per policy, to take Explorer to a safe drop-off place prior to becoming involved in any anticipated dangerous assignment. Also, all participating Cicero Police Officers receive orientation material prior to supervising a ridealong.

The required forms, per national standards, are:

1. **Parental Consent.** This signifies that the parent gives consent for the Explorer to participate.
2. **Hold Harmless and Release.** This frees the Post and Cicero PD from any liability.
3. **Hepatitis Declination.** This is to acknowledge that Explorer and parent are aware of the hepatitis vaccination and possible risks of not becoming vaccinated.
4. **Medical Release.** This is to empower the supervising police officer to take immediate action, should the Explorer need medical attention.
5. **Ridealong Objective.** This ensures that the Explorer has a purpose for the ridealong and that the supervising police officer is aware of it. (This is the only form that is a local policy and not a national one.)

IMPORTANT: Parents should review the Ridealong Policy document with their Explorer child prior to signing the above documents.

Parental questions can be addressed to either:

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