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|  | Abbotsford Police Department Policy and Procedure | |
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POLICY

- (1) The Abbotsford Police Department ("AbbyPD") may authorize a person who is not an on-duty AbbyPD employee to accompany an on-duty AbbyPD police officer in an AbbyPD police vehicle, for the purpose of observing police work ("Ride-Along").
- (2) The AbbyPD is not obligated to authorize a Ride-Along. Only persons authorized by the Abbotsford Police Department (AbbyPD) may participate in a Ride-Along.
- (3) Only persons with a valid purpose for participating in a Ride-Along may be authorized. A valid purpose may include, but is not limited to:
 - (a) someone seeking employment with the AbbyPD;
 - (b) an employee from another police agency, interested in AbbyPD practices and protocols;
 - (c) an agency or individual assisting AbbyPD (e.g. health care worker, social worker, Liquor and Cannabis Licensing Branch personnel);
 - (d) an AbbyPD volunteer or Police Board member seeking additional policing experience and knowledge;
 - (e) friends or family members of AbbyPD personnel who are interested in police work and the responsibilities of their friend/family member; and
 - (f) any purpose authorized by the Chief Constable or their delegate.
- (4) A Ride-Along will not be authorized:
 - (a) if there exists an unreasonable risk to the safety of the Passenger, the Driver, other AbbyPD personnel and members of the public;
 - (b) if the integrity of an operation or investigation may be compromised;
 - (c) if current operational resourcing levels do not support the assignment of a police officer to a Ride-Along; or

- (d) for any reason as determined by the Chief Constable or their delegate.
- (5) Unless expressly authorized by the Chief Constable, a minor may not participate in a Ride-Along.

Approved by the Police Board on February 19, 2025.