

AIR SUPPORT DIVISION

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TO: All Air Support Division Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Air Support Division

SUBJECT: RIDE-ALONG POLICY – REVISED

Effective immediately, all ride-along requests for non-sworn Department personnel shall be approved by the Commanding Officer (C/O), Air Support Division (ASD). The Watch Commander (WC) shall retain the authority to approve requests for ride-alongs from sworn Department personnel and bona fide sworn officers from other law enforcement agencies.

Requests for ride-alongs from immediate family members of ASD personnel may be approved by the concerned WC. However, it should be understood that “immediate family” refers to a spouse or significant other, and children (must be 13 years of age or older). Any deviation from this policy must be approved by the C/O, ASD.

The purpose of this revision to ASD’s Ride-along Policy is to ensure that ASD aircrews are not inundated with ride-alongs, and to allow them the opportunity to perform their important ASTRO-related tasks with as few distractions as possible.

Watch Commanders are reminded to notify the C/O, ASD, whenever a VIP is scheduled for a ride-along or the Chief of Police is to be transported in Department aircraft.

Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to me.



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