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**Peace Officer Observer  
Program**

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**Policy Statement:**

Any person requesting a Peace Officer Observer Program with a Lamont County Enforcement Services must follow the below outlined steps as per the Solicitors Generals Office

**Procedure/Responsibility**

- A. The individual must sign the Waiver of Liability Agreement and the Confidentiality Agreement. These documents will then be retained on file with Lamont County Enforcement Services.
- B. The individual must wear an Observer identification tag for the duration of the ride-along
- C. The member(s) to whom an observer is assigned shall:
  - 1. Explain, wherever possible, the procedures in dealing with incidents,
  - 2. Allow the observer to accompany the member(s) to as many calls as possible, bearing in mind that an observer should not be placed in a dangerous situation,
  - 3. Not allow the observer to operate Peace Officer equipment except in cases of emergency
  - 4. Explain the use of emergency equipment including radio and emergency calls prior to commencing the ride-along.
- D. The Peace Officer or Supervisor may terminate the program at any point in time. Any problems encountered with the observer must be formally documented and reported to the supervisor.
- E. All documents will be kept on file by Enforcement Services.
  - 1. Town of Lamont County Enforcement Services Waiver of Liability Agreement,
  - 2. Town of Lamont County Enforcement Services Confidentiality Agreement.
  - 3. Any documents pertaining to problems encountered with the observer.
- F. The Peace Officer may at his discretion refuse a ride along without explanation.

**Conditions**

- A. A ride-along applicant must be 16 years of age or older, if the ride along is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must consent to the ride-along;
- B. A ride-along observer must not ride in the back seat of a patrol unit with a prisoner;
- C. A ride-along observer must not wear clothing that may mislead a member of the public to believe they are a police officer/peace officer/any other member of law enforcement.

**Scheduled Review Date:**

September 2019