



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**Town of Pagosa Springs**

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Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147

**Town of Pagosa Springs Observer Program**

1. The purpose of the Observer Program is to allow the citizen to see the police officer in his normal course of duties, and hopefully lead to a better understanding of the police officer's role in the community.
2. Requests for a ride-a-long must be made one week in advance, in writing, in person.
3. When the request is received, the party may be fingerprinted, and computer checks run. If the party is clear, the Chief of Police will review the application. The Chief may reject the application for any reason.
4. A "Covenant Not To Sue" will be completed prior to the ride.
5. The citizen will wear appropriate clothing during the course of the ride. Neat clean jeans are acceptable. Shorts, halter or tube tops, and other such items of apparel are not allowed.
6. The citizens must remember that we are in the business of protecting the public. The officer will not disregard normal duties or dangerous situations just because he has an observer with him. If the officer feels that the observer's safety may be in question, he may choose to leave the observer in an area of safety.
7. In all cases, the observer will obey, without question, any order given by the officer.
8. The ride may be terminated at any time, for any reason.
9. This program is open to anyone over the age of sixteen. If a requesting party is under age 18, the parent or guardian must complete the form and bring it in person to the Police Department
10. No cameras or recording devices of any kind will be allowed on the ride.
11. The observer will not divulge, contrary to law, any confidential information learned on the ride.
12. Citizens will be allowed to ride only one (1) time in each three month period.