

FROM: Dominic Rizzi, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Citizen Rider Program

Thank you for your interest in the Citizen Rider Program of the Yakima Police Department. The purpose of the program is to promote understanding and communication between our police officers and the citizens of the Yakima Valley.

To qualify for and schedule a “courtesy ride”:

1. The rider must be at least sixteen (16) years of age.
2. Read and complete the application – passenger permit and waiver form on the reverse side of this notice. If the rider is under eighteen (18) years of age, a parent or guardian must also sign the waiver form.
3. A Watch Commander or Shift Sergeant will review your application and a criminal history records check. If accepted, you will be wnotified of the date and time you have been scheduled to ride.

Participation guidelines:

1. The rider must dress appropriately (clean, pressed slacks and shirt, etc.) and their conduct and demeanor while on the ride must remain exemplary.
2. The on-duty Shift Sergeant may cancel your ride at any time due to inappropriate dress or behavior; lack of sufficient staffing; or activity levels which would make a courtesy ride impractical on the date scheduled.

If you have any questions regarding the Citizen Rider Program, please contact the Watch Commander at 575-6200 or 575-6181.

Sincerely,

Dominic Rizzi  
Chief of Police