

SUBJECT:
Deputy District Attorney's
Training with Law Enforcement: Ride Along

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I. TRAINING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Attorneys should have an appreciation and understanding of problems which confront law enforcement officers in the field. Every deputy district attorney is therefore encouraged to spend a minimum of six (6) hours annually with patrol divisions of various jurisdictions within the County in order to observe the performance of their duties. The attorney will not attempt to supervise the police officer.

Attorneys should refrain from direct involvement in making arrests or conducting investigations during these sessions. The deputy district attorney's role is to act as an observer, thereby minimizing the risk of being subpoenaed in subsequent court proceedings. Under no circumstances will a deputy district attorney act as a decoy or operative or participate in the execution of a search warrant. Each deputy district attorney should notify their immediate supervisor of their intention to ride along with agency officers.

The supervisors will provide a list of names and dates of participation which will then be maintained by the Chief Assistant District Attorney. The Chief Assistant District Attorney will report to the District Attorney annually on the status of attorney training for each deputy.