

## **Civilian Observer Program**

The Civilian Observer Program, also known as the Ride Along Program, provides interested citizens with an opportunity to observe Lorena Police Department patrol officers in their work environment by riding along with the officers in their patrol vehicles during the course of their official duties. The Civilian Observer Program is managed by the Chief of Police and all requests for participation in the program are processed by the Chief or his designee. Additionally, criminal background history is checked on all volunteers for the program. Individuals must also sign a waiver of liability form and meet one of the following criteria:

- Be an active law enforcement officer from another jurisdiction.
- Be a member or employee of an accredited news service.
- Be an accredited member of the criminal justice system (judge, lawyer, etc.)
- Be currently enrolled in an accredited program of study directly associated with or aligned with a criminal justice career.
- Be involved with an approved program or research that is directly related to police techniques and procedures.
- Be an interested civilian living within the limits of the City of Lorena.
- Have other legitimate reasons as determined and approved by the Chief of Police.

For additional information please contact the Lorena Police Department @ 254-857-9614