

# **Polk County Sheriff's Mounted Posse**

## **Duties, Responsibilities, Physical Demands and Skills**

### **Position Summary:**

The Polk County Sheriff's Mounted Posse is a volunteer position of individuals who with their personal time and expenses, work closely with local law enforcement and other service agencies. Our mission is to do search and rescue or recovery of persons and/or evidence. Posse volunteer members also assist the Sheriff's Office in maintaining order and security in the community. Posse members are also responsible for promoting community relations such as working at county or city functions.

### **Qualifications:**

1. Must be 18 years or older.
2. Must be of good moral character.
3. Must pass background check, oral interview and be willing to submit to drug screening.
4. Must maintain confidentiality.
5. Must have good communication skills.
6. Must attend 70% of all scheduled meetings, scheduled trainings and scheduled events. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.
7. Must inform and disclose any personal medical conditions requiring or not requiring medications to the Executive Board for the safety of the member.
8. Must complete 20 hours of ride along time with a Polk County Sheriff Patrol within one year of acceptance. 10 hours of ride a long time is required each year thereafter.
9. Must attend required trainings for 1<sup>st</sup> AID/CPR, if not already certified, and remain current.
10. Must attend a defensive tactics training annually.
11. Both ground support and mounted volunteers must attend an approved Police Mounted Patrol Training Course at their own expense within two years of acceptance.
12. New members will be responsible for a onetime \$40.00 non-refundable equipment charge.

### **Critical Physical Demands for Ground Support and Mounted Members:**

1. Must be able to talk and hear.
2. Must be able to walk, stand or sit for long periods of time in all types of terrain and in all kinds of weather. (Examples: working terrain such as rivers, swamps, plowed fields, dense trees, working around and with patrol cars such in the case of securing an accident scene)
3. Must be able to endure stress and high emotion for extended periods of time.
4. Must be able to move 50lbs.
5. Must have fine motor skills.
6. Must learn, understand and be able to utilize rescue and law enforcement equipment.

### **Mounted Posse Members:**

1. Must be responsible for all aspects of tacking, training, maneuvering and care of personal horses.
2. Must be able to ride for extended periods of time in adverse weather and surroundings or rough terrain day and night.
3. Horse and rider must qualify at designated trainings.
4. Must have horse trailer or *pre-arranged access* to trailer at all times.