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Greetings,

I would just like to point out that police departments around the world have been offering ride alongs for many years. Ride alongs give civilians the chance to observe the work day of a police officer. Live on Patrol is a virtual ride along. Instead of showing only one person what a day is like for an officer Live on Patrol reaches thousands of people. Educating the public is needed more now than ever and the more that can be reached the better.

LOP is livestreamed one night a week and on occasion it may be seen an extra day.

Sheriff Fletcher always announces to anyone who wants to speak to him that they are streaming live on fb/yt. He mutes the sound so the viewers aka backseaters can not hear private conversations or information.

I'd also like to point out that around the world people are able to listen to public broadcasts of police, fire and emergency calls. Some people have their own scanners other's use scanner apps. When calls come over the radio during LOP the backseaters are not hearing anything that they couldn't hear on a scanner at home. Sheriff Fletcher and Pat Scott take privacy and safety of all very seriously.

Personally I believe all news reporters, politicians and anyone involved in making decisions how first responders do their jobs or decisions regarding funding etc. should be required to do an actual ride along and participate in the shoot don't shoot program. They should experience the actual job of a police officer/deputy, firefighter, EMT, and dispatcher so they can see how hard these jobs actually are and many times involving life and death situations.

Thank you,

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