

# Pasco Sheriff's Mounted Posse

## Application Process

1. [www.pascosheriff.com](http://www.pascosheriff.com)
2. Look under Volunteer Opportunity link
3. Print application and write posse on the top
4. Copy of DL and SS card (in married name, if applicable)
5. Notarize application & Turn in application to Human Resources at 8700 Citizen Dr, New Port Richey 34654 (in person or by mail)
  - a. to ride you must have your own horse (**mares and/or geldings only--NO Stallions**) and your own transportation to training and events
  - b. to join as ground help you must have transportation to training and events
  - c. currently training is held in Dade City
  - d. events are all over Pasco County
6. After approval by Human Resources as a riding member you must perform an entry level riding evaluation with one of the PSO certified mounted instructors: Walk, Trot, Canter, Backing, Mount and Dismount unassisted. (**No mounting block**).
7. Once accepted you will pay \$50 Administrative Fee & you can begin training & you will receive a handbook, there will be other costs to you in the beginning and sometimes reoccurring costs:  
All Black: Boots, Belt, Breeches or Jeans. Approved Straw Hat.
8. PSO Issues: All parts of the uniform with the POSSE/PSO insignia:  
Uniform Shirts, Jacket, Saddle Pad Cover, Rain Slicker, Helmet with decals, Name Tag, Tie, Tie Tack, Serving Since Pin, and Citation Pins as earned.
9. Posse Issues: Neck Rope & Leg Wraps when qualified for Parades.
10. **ALL ISSUED EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS WILL BE RETURNED UPON DEPARTURE FROM THE UNIT.**
11. Meetings are currently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at different restaurants and notification is by email (you can attend meetings before you go through the process to get acquainted).
12. All notifications of Pasco Posse participation at events and training is emailed except for emergency notices which are by telephone. An example of that would be a last minute cancellation of training or an event or a call for a Search & Rescue mission.
13. Before participating with your horse you must pass qualifications courses on your horse for the desired event. These qualifications/certifications are different from your entry level evaluation.
14. Level 1 allows Demos at Schools and/or Churches, Community Rides, Ranch Patrols, Parking Patrols at Special Events, Mall Parking Patrols, and Search/Rescue Missions; Level 2 Daytime Parades; Level 3 Night Events & Night Parades; Level 4 Cavalry Drill.

Attachments can be emailed to further describe your initial costs, expectations from you to the organization and community & qualification evaluations. Once you begin training you will be taught everything you need to know to pass qualifications.