



## *Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Application Information*

### **FOR APPLICANT:**

The Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse was organized for the specific and primary purpose:

- A. To perpetuate the customs, traditions and pageantry of the early days of the State of California.
- B. Through the organization and maintenance of a uniformed and trained horseback riding troop, to advertise and promote goodwill for the County of Kern and its Sheriff by exhibiting the same throughout the State of California and elsewhere upon appropriate public occasions.
- C. To respond to the call of the Sheriff of the County of Kern in time of emergency or disaster.
- D. To promote the social welfare of its membership and to stimulate interest in all phases of horsemanship.
  - You are on probation during the first year of membership. You are required to attend and participate in all parades, meetings, and regularly scheduled functions. The Board of Directors must approve any absence during your probationary period and may revoke your membership at any time during the first year for lack of participation. Your probationary period will begin on the date your initiation fee is received.
  - The application fee into the Posse is \$150.00 plus a badge deposit fee of \$75.00. A check made payable to the KCSMP should be sent to P.O. Box 1543, Bakersfield CA 93302-1543 with your completed application. You cannot participate in Posse events until this fee is received or the Board of Directors approves the arrangements.
  - It is your responsibility to obtain your uniform. Most items can either be purchased at the Western Emporium Store or at Boot Barn. Uniforms are to be maintained in a clean, neat and orderly manner. Uniforms are to be worn only on official rides or at other formal meetings or assemblies of the Posse and may not be worn by non-members of the Posse. You should work with Your sponsor in obtaining the proper uniforms. See the attached Equipment list.
  - Your dues are \$450.00 per year; prorated the first year according to the month

you join the KCSMP. The dues offset the cost of meals, beverages and some KCSMP functions. Dues are payable at the beginning of each calendar year.

- Our meetings are usually the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the 420 club on Alfred Harold hwy in Bakersfield. Any changes (due to holidays, etc.) will be listed in the monthly newsletter that is sent out before each meeting.
- At the meetings, you will be expected to help set-up the meeting area and clean up after the meeting. This includes policing the grounds, putting away the equipment and cleaning the dishes and kitchen area.
- You should rely heavily on your sponsor to answer any questions you may have and guide your actions during your probationary period.
- The Posse has a rich history of service to the community that goes back to World War II.

The Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse was organized in 1939 and is one of the oldest working Posses in the State of California.

Each member maintains his mount and equipment at no expense to the citizens of the County of Kern.

The Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse promotes Kids' Day at the Kern County Fair and supports Special Kids' programs throughout the County of Kern.

The Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse honors their Past Captains at a special meeting each year.