

## ***Ride-Along Rules and Regulations***

1. No person shall be allowed to ride without having submitted a signed ride-along request and waiver form. Refusal to complete this form, or false statements of any nature on same, will disqualify that person from participation in the program. The request to ride form must be turned in to the Police Department one (1) week prior to the first requested date of participation. At the Operations Lieutenant discretion, exceptions may be made for special situations requiring shorter notice, as long as other procedures are followed. Special situations may include out of state visitors or criminal justice personnel.
2. Civilian ride-a-longs will be allowed to ride no more than once every six months, without prior approval of the patrol lieutenant.
3. Participants must obey the orders and instructions given by the officer to whom they are assigned.
4. Participants must not leave the patrol vehicle unless instructed to do so by the officer.
5. When the patrol unit is assigned to a dangerous call, the rider may be dropped off at a safe location and he/she must remain there until the officer or another police unit returns to pick him/her up.
6. The rider will provide his/her own transportation to and from the Police Department.
7. Persons with extensive criminal backgrounds will not be allowed to ride with an officer. Background checks will be conducted on all applicants.
8. Ride along tours usually last four (4) hours; however, either the officer or the rider may terminate the tour at any time. The On-Duty supervisor will be advised of early termination.
9. Applicants will be notified by the Police Department after filing the written application request form. At that time, the ride will be scheduled and/or confirmed, or denied.
10. The applicant's participation is a privilege and not a right. The basic premise of the ride along program is to establish rapport with the police and learn about the functions of law enforcement.
11. Participants shall not converse with any prisoners, suspects, victims or witnesses nor shall they participate in any police activity unless directly requested by officers.
12. All participants must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in police cases or incidents. The observer will be considered a confidant of the Police Department and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigations be held confidential.
13. Tape recorders and cameras will not be permitted while participating in the program, unless expressed permission is granted by the Chief of Police.
14. No firearms or any other type of weapon may be carried during the ride-a-long.
15. The participants attire must be neat, clean and conservative. The observer shall not wear any type of clothing, jacket or baseball cap that might suggest affiliation with a law enforcement entity or gang membership.

16. By signing the waiver form on the reverse of this page, the ride along participant agrees to the rules and regulations listed above.