

APPLICATION FOR RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM



The individual requesting to ride-along must read and complete the packet in its entirety.

Full Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name/Occupation or Student, Address and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested to Ride-Along \_\_\_\_\_ Officer requested (if a preference or known) \_\_\_\_\_

Shift requested (if a preference or known) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in the Reynoldsburg Ride-Along Program?

YES NO If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to a member of the Department?

YES NO If yes, to whom and relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 18 years of age? YES NO

Are you a US Citizen? YES NO

Are you generally in good physical health? YES NO

I have never been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony crime.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

- Category Applicable to me: (select one)
- Law Enforcement Officer
  - City Employee
  - Internship
  - Media
  - Citizen
  - Applicant
  - Family member

APPROVED DENIED

Chief of Police \_\_\_\_\_

To Be Completed by Patrol Commander  
Assigned Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Shift Assigned \_\_\_\_\_  
Actual Time Rode \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer \_\_\_\_\_

## RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM RULES

1. Promptly and quickly obey all commands of all law enforcement officers.
2. Applicants must read and sign the application and release in its entirety, one week prior to the requested date of the ride-along, and in the presence of a Department employee.
3. The applicant must show photo identification to the Department employee that is issued by a state or federal government agency at the time they sign the application and release.
4. The participant is required to prominently display an issued ID card at all times while participating in the ride-along program. The ID card will be maintained at the Department at all times while not being used. The participant is not to keep the ID.
5. Participants are allowed to ride two times during a year, and no more than once in any given thirty-day period. Exceptions to this are as follows: News Media, Law Enforcement officers from other jurisdictions, employees, or participants in an internship program with the Department. Regardless of any exceptions, each ride-along event must be approved and an application and release must be completed.
6. The participant must be in good physical health and have the ability to run if need be.
7. Unless approved by the shift supervisor; female participants will ride with female officers; male participants will ride with male officers.
8. Participants shall not record or video while participating in the ride-along program. Further, participants shall not bring with them any equipment that may be used to record or video in any form. (This rule does not apply to news media personnel.)
9. Participants must submit to a search of their person and/or any belongings brought with them at any time during the ride-along event if the Department makes such a request.
10. Participants shall not have any weapons with them or in their possession. (Law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions may at the discretion of the shift supervisor be permitted to carry their firearm. If such permission is granted the weapon must be completely concealed.)
11. Participants shall have their seat belt properly secured at all times while the vehicle they are riding in is in motion.
12. Participants shall not use the radio except in cases of emergency when the officer is not able to. (Commissioned officers or dispatchers may use the radio at the discretion of the host officer.)

13. All participants in the ride-along program will wear business or business casual attire. Jeans with no holes are authorized. Police 511 type clothing is authorized. Any article of clothing displaying any rude or offensive logos is expressly prohibited. Shoes should be comfortable with a non-slip type of sole. Shift supervisors have final determination as to compliance with this section and may make exceptions as appropriate.

14. Participants shall not identify themselves as law enforcement officers, either visually or verbally (even if they indeed are law enforcement officers).

15. Participants shall not become directly involved in any law enforcement activity unless specifically requested to do so by a law enforcement officer, or in cases of emergency.

16. Appropriate protective clothing should be brought by the participant for applicable weather conditions. (Participants may have to be out in inclement weather conditions for extended periods of time.)

17. The host officer will notify dispatch that they have a civilian rider prior to going in service.

18. The host officer will determine when it is acceptable for the participant to exit the vehicle, prior to the participant exiting the vehicle. (i.e. on traffic stops or calls for service).

19. The host officer may suspend a ride-along event at any time and return the participant to the Department.

20. Participants will not be on private property against the will of the owner, and will not be allowed to participate in any search warrant.

21. Participants will not be allowed to discuss observed items that are of a confidential nature outside of the Department.

22. Participants will respect the privacy of victims and witnesses, and shall under no circumstances be involved in any conversation with any suspect or prisoner.

23. Any participants who is injured, no matter how slight, shall immediately notify their host officer of such injury.

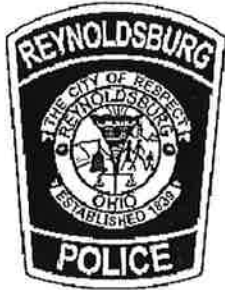
24. Participants shall report to the Department at least ten minutes prior to the beginning of the shift they have been approved to ride-along with. Participants will normally be expected to ride the entire shift in order to cause as little inconvenience as possible. Exceptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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# Reynoldsburg Division of Police Civilian Ride-Along Program Liability Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, execute this Release in favor of The City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and its departments, officers, employees, agents, assigns and insurers (herein called "the City") In consideration of being permitted to ride along as an observer in an on-duty police patrol vehicle with a Reynoldsburg Police Officer on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, I for myself, my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, release and hold harmless the City from all claims, demands and causes of action for all damage, bodily injury or liability of any kind that might accrue to me or arise out of this activity. I understand that the police officer may be called upon to respond to emergency situations and that there are dangers inherent in such duties. I hereby agree not to bring suit or other legal action, either State or Federal, based upon any claim against the City arising directly or indirectly from my participation in the ride-along experience.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the terms of this Release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent or legal guardian  
if participant is under the age of 18.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NO WEAPONS ALLOWED (unless authorized)**

**NO unauthorized AUDIO/VIDEO recording**

Rider Information: (PRINT)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Any health problems?  No  Yes\*

\*Explain on other side of this form

Emergency Contact Information (PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Citizen Ride-Along Non-Disclosure Agreement



During my interaction with the officer and the general public, I may overhear or view information that is confidential in nature or otherwise protected by law. I will not document, record or later pass any of this information along to a third party. Breach of this non-disclosure agreement is subject to termination of the ride-along privilege and prosecution if it violates any local, state or federal laws.

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