



RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION

To The Ride-Along Applicant:

You are required to complete this application after reading the **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY** and **RULES AND REGULATIONS** of this application. You must then sign page 3 of this application stating that you have read, understand and will comply with these rules and regulations. You must also sign the waiver on page 4 of this application. No application will be processed unless the "Waiver of Civil Liability and Indemnification Agreement" form has been executed. This completed application must be delivered to the District Station at least 5 days prior to the expected Ride-Along. Once your application has been processed you will be contacted by telephone prior to your requested Ride-Along date and informed if your application was approved. All telephone notifications will be made to the telephone number indicated by you on a weekday during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This is a voluntary program conducted in the interest of public enlightenment. The Fairfax County Police Department reserves the right to limit or exclude any person from participation in this program.

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Ride-Along Program must meet one of the following criteria to participate in the program:

1. Resident of District Station area receiving application.
2. Be a member of a civic organization or employee of a business located within Fairfax County.
3. Be employed by Fairfax County in a position that would be facilitated by a knowledge of departmental procedures and functions.
4. Be a police employee applicant with the Fairfax County Police Department, or have current employment in the law enforcement field with another agency.
5. Be enrolled as a student in an accredited law enforcement program, traffic safety program or a police-related study of law program.
6. Be a family member of an employee of the Fairfax County Police Department.
7. Demonstrate a special interest for participation that would benefit the police department, county government, or its citizens.
8. Any person sponsored by a Fairfax County Police Officer and approved by that Officer's Commander or Assistant Commander.

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The shift supervisor will designate with whom the applicant will ride.
2. The shift supervisor or his/her superior may terminate the participant's Ride-Along at any time, if in his/her opinion, the continued participation presents an undue risk, or the participant's conduct, department, or sobriety is such that continued participation is not in the best interests of the Department. An I/LEADS Incident Report will be completed stating the reasons(s) for termination.
3. The hours of the participant's Ride-Along will be established prior to the approval of the application. These time limits may be terminated at the request of the applicant. Extensions of Ride-Along time limits may only be made with the approval of the shift supervisor or their superior.
4. Ride-Along participants are prohibited from carrying with them, during the Ride-Along, any flashlight, camera, radio of any type, tape recorder or player, binoculars, or any similar device unless authorized by the commander or shift supervisor.
5. **RIDE-ALONG PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CARRY WEAPONS, CONCEALED OR OTHERWISE, OR RESTRAINING DEVICES OF ANY KIND. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE FOR SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FROM THIS STATE, OR FEDERAL OFFICERS. THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS BY SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FROM THIS STATE AND BY FEDERAL OFFICERS WILL BE GOVERNED BY STATE CODE. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY A BRIGHTLY COLORED ARM BAND ISSUED FROM THE STATION FROM WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO RIDE.**
6. Ride-Along participants are prohibited from using any type of tobacco product during the course of the Ride-Along.
7. Participants are observers. They will not exit a police vehicle during any police activity unless directed to do so by a police officer. They will refrain from direct involvement in police functions or conversation with violators, suspects, arrestee, witnesses, complainants, or other members of the public encountered during the course of the official duties of the police officer with whom the participant is riding.
8. Participants may be asked to temporarily interrupt their Ride-Along during hazardous or unusual circumstances. Participants will immediately comply with such requests and otherwise obey the directions of the police officer with whom the participant is riding.
9. During the course of the Ride-Along, the participant may be exposed to privileged information. The participant **WILL NOT** divulge any of the privileged information they are exposed to.
10. **Participants are required to dress in casual business attire during their Ride-Along. Acceptable dress for men includes suit, sport coat and slacks, or collared shirt and slacks. Women may wear the preceding or a dress or pant suit. Jeans, shirts without collars, or tee shirts are not permitted.**
11. Participants who are family members of Fairfax County Police Officers will not ride with the officer whom they are related to.

I have read and understand the aforementioned **RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

Signature of Applicant _____

**COUNTY OF FAIRFAX POLICE DEPARTMENT
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA
WAIVER OF CIVIL LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the Police Department of the County of Fairfax, Virginia (hereinafter "Police Department") granting me permission to accompany a member of the Police Department as an observer in the Ride-Along Program, I hereby waive any and all risks and liability for damages, losses, personal injuries, or death which I might suffer, sustain, or cause while participating in the Ride-Along Program. I further waive any and all claims, demands, actions, damages, or suits at law or equity of whatever nature which I have or may hereafter acquire against the County of Fairfax, the Police Department, officers, agents, or employees as a result of my voluntary participation in the Ride-Along Program, and I hereby hold harmless such persons and entities. In the event that a demand or claim, whether groundless or otherwise, is made against the entities and or persons set forth herein, I agree to indemnify those persons and/or entities for all damages, attorney fees, and costs incurred in defending said demand or claim.

I further agree to comply with all rules and regulations of the Ride-Along Program and any instructions or orders issued by members of the Police Department in connection with the Ride-Along Program. I certify that I am aware of the potential risk involved in accompanying a Police Officer during the performance of his/her duties.

I hereby acknowledge that I fully understand the consequences of this waiver and that it is a voluntary and intelligent act on my part. I also understand that as part of the application process my criminal history and DMV record will be checked by the Fairfax County Police Department.

(Signature) DATE: _____

(Print Name)

**** If the applicant is less than 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also sign the waiver. ****

I give authorization for _____ to participate in the Fairfax County Police Ride
(Name of Student)
Along Program in concurrence with the above stated waiver of civil liability and indemnification agreement.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian and relationship to student) DATE: _____

(Print Name)

This document is available in an alternative format upon request. Please call the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-246-7562. TTY 703-204-2264. Allow seven working days for preparation of the material.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS POINT. FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY.

AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

To Lieutenant/Sergeant _____:

This applicant has been **authorized** to ride in a police vehicle pursuant to the strict adherence to Departmental Regulations and under your continued supervision and approval. I affirm that the following documents have been reviewed prior to approving this applicant to participate in the program:

- Criminal History DMV Transcript I/LEADS Person Detail Query

Reviewing Authority

OR

Authorization **NOT** granted for this Ride-Along:

Reason for refusing this Ride-Along:

Reviewing Authority