



WINDSOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

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RIDE ALONG POLICY & RULES

The Windsor Police Department ride-along program is offered to residents, applicants, students and those employed within the Town. Reasonable efforts should be made to accommodate interested persons. Any applicant may be disqualified without cause from participating in the program.

1. ELIGIBILITY

The following factors may be considered in disqualifying an applicant and are not limited to:

- Being under 15 years of age
- Prior criminal history
- Pending criminal action
- Pending lawsuit against the Department
- Denial by any supervisor

2. AVAILABILITY

The ride-along program is available on most days of the week. The ride-along times are from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Exceptions to this schedule may be made as approved by the Chief of Police or a Lieutenant.

3. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Once approved, civilian ride-alongs will be allowed to ride no more than once every six months. An exception would apply to the following: volunteers and police applicants with approval of the Chief of Police or Operations Lieutenant.

An effort will be made to ensure that no more than one citizen will participate in a ride-along during any given time period. Normally, no more than one ride-along will be allowed in the officer's vehicle at a given time. When practicable, ride-alongs who request multiple opportunities to participate in the ride-along program should be rotated among officers.

4. SUITABLE ATTIRE

Any person approved to ride-along is required to be suitably dressed in a collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks and shoes. Sandals, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn in the police vehicle. The Chief of Police, Operations Lieutenant, or field supervisor may refuse a ride-along to anyone not properly dressed.

5. RIDE-ALONG CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK

All ride-along applicants are subject to a criminal history check. The criminal history check may include a local records check and a Colorado Crime Information Center (CCIS) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) criminal history check prior to approval as a ride-along with an officer (provided that the ride-along is not an employee of the Windsor Police Department).

6. CONTROL OF RIDE-ALONG

- The ride-along will follow the directions of the officer.
- The ride-along will not become involved in any investigation, handling of evidence, discussions with victims or suspects or handling any police equipment.
- The ride-along may be terminated at any time and the officer may return the observer to his/her home, the place of the ride origin or to the station if the ride-along interferes with the performance of the officer's duties.
- Ride-alongs may be allowed to continue riding during the transportation and booking process, provided this does not jeopardize their safety.
- Officers will not allow any ride-alongs to be present in any residence or situation that would jeopardize their safety or cause undue stress or embarrassment to a victim or any other person.
- Under no circumstance shall a civilian ride-along be permitted to enter a private residence with an officer without the express consent of the resident or other authorized person.
- Only certified law enforcement personnel, in good standing, may be authorized by the Chief of Police, Lieutenant, or field supervisor to be armed during a ride-along. Off-duty personnel shall not be considered on duty and shall not represent him/herself as a peace officer or participate in any law enforcement activity except as emergency circumstances may require. Anyone else carrying a weapon will be immediately removed from the ride-along.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

DATE: _____

(If applicant is under 18 years of age)



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RIDE ALONG APPLICATION & LIABILITY RELEASE

A photo ID is required for all applicants of this program

FULL NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST RIDE-ALONG WITH THE WINDSOR POLICE DEPARTMENT?

☐ YES

☐ NO – APPROXIMATE DATE OR LAST RIDE ALONG? _____

ARE YOU REQUESTING A PARTICULAR OFFICER?

☐ YES – IF SO, OFFICER NAME & POSITION _____

☐ NO

REQUESTED DATE(S) OF RIDE ALONG: _____

REQUESTED HOUR(S) (circle one):

10AM-2PM

2PM-6PM

6PM-10PM

**Please note that all dates and times are tentative and will be schedule based on staffing availability.*

I, _____, not being a member of the Windsor Police Department have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to the Windsor Police Department and to accompany member(s) of the Department during the performance of their official duties. I am aware that the work the Police Department is inherently dangerous and I may be subjected to the risks of personal injury, damage to my property, or death by accompanying members of the department during the performance of their official duties. I freely, voluntarily, and with such knowledge assume the risk(s) associated with such activities. I have read and understand the rules outlined in the attached Ride-along Policy & Rules and agree to abide by the policy and rules.

I do hereby release the Town of Windsor, Weld County & Larimer County, Colorado and its employees from any liability or responsibility for any injury, property damage or death which might occur to myself while I am a participant in this program.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age:

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

RECORDS CLEARANCE & HISTORY COMPLETED BY: _____ DATE: _____

REQUEST IS APPROVED/DISAPPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

DATE RIDE WAS COMPLETED: _____ ASSIGNED OFFICER: _____