



**Newport News Police Department Ride Along Program  
Rules of Conduct, Assumption of Risk & Waiver of Liability**

Please read this entire form carefully and acknowledge that you have done so with your signature at the bottom of this form. You must sign this form and follow the rules of conduct to participate in the program.

**Rules of Conduct**

1. You will be assigned to ride with an NNPd police officer (host officer). Requests for assignment with a specific officer will be at the discretion of the on-duty supervisor. You must have your photo identification with you at the time you ride with the officer.
2. You shall not carry any weapon of any kind while participating in the program.
3. You will be required to present a neat and clean appearance, and wear business casual, weather appropriate attire. If your attire is inappropriate, you will be sent home and the ride along may be rescheduled.
4. You will be provided with body armor before your ride along begins. Wearing body armor is a requirement for the ride along to take place/continue. You are required to wear this vest for the period of your ride along, and will be required to relinquish this item to the precinct at the conclusion of your ride along. If you are riding with the Marine Patrol, you are also required to wear the provided flotation vest.
5. Your host officer will be happy to discuss police duties and responsibilities insofar as time permits.
6. You are not to leave the patrol car (or in the case of marine patrol, the police boat) at the scene of any police activity without first obtaining permission from the host officer. Should an emergency or unsafe conditions arise, the host officer has the final authority to direct you to stay inside the vehicle or allow you to leave, if circumstances permit.
7. You may NOT use cameras or tape recorders while riding due to the possible conflicts with evidence collection.
8. The duration of the ride is decided between the participant and the host officer, however the host officer may end the ride along at any time.
9. At the discretion of the host officer or their chain of command and as time permits, another vehicle may be called to pick you up, if one is available. Likewise, you may request to exit the vehicle. Please be prepared in the event you must or choose to provide for your own transportation. You must immediately and without question comply with any order or directions given to you by the officer, as it is for your own safety.
10. Program participants are limited to one ride along within a six-month period and no more than two within a calendar year.
11. Law enforcement is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity, and the City and its employees and agents, including police officers whom you accompany, are not insurers of your safety. You must read, agree to, and endorse the Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability.

**Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability:**

*I acknowledge that law enforcement is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity, and that the City and its employees and agents, including police officers whom I accompany, are not insurers of my safety. I realize that as an inherent condition of this program, I may, at unpredictable times, be placed in foreseeable and/or unforeseeable positions of considerable danger. I further acknowledge and accept the risks of my decision to accompany one or more police officers during their work, which may include unexpected events and occurrences, and dangerous and serious risks, including but not limited to: emergency or high speed pursuits, confrontations with violent and/or armed citizens, being verbally abused, being involved in a traffic/boating accident, being shot, being taken hostage, being sprayed with OC or Pepper Gas, being beaten, being bitten, being cut or stuck by a sharp weapon, and/or being killed. I understand that police duties may involve emergencies or danger that cannot be avoided. At the discretion of the officer or the officer's chain of command, I may be temporarily left alone without supervision or protection. I am aware that in riding along, I have assumed the risk of becoming injured or killed. With full knowledge of the above, I hereby voluntarily assume all risk of loss, damage, and injury to me and my property, including death, which may be sustained while I am a passenger in any City vehicle, including any police department vehicle (to include watercraft), or which is incidental to my accompanying one or more Newport News Police officers while on-duty, either inside or outside of any vehicle, building, or structure, or at any other place or location.*

*This acknowledgment and assumption of risk form shall be in full force and effect on the date hereof, and on any occasion when I may hereafter accompany any officer or officers of the Newport News Police Department, and shall be binding upon me and my heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. I also acknowledge by my signature that I have read and understand the Department Ride Along Program Rules of Conduct.*

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Print participants' name: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

Print on-duty supervisor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

Host officer's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Comments: