



Newport News Police Department  
Office of the Chief of Police  
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Newport News, VA 23605  
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## Application for Ride-Along Program Participation

Applications can be e-mailed to [ridealong@nnva.gov](mailto:ridealong@nnva.gov), or returned to the following police facilities:

Police Headquarters Building, 9710 Jefferson Ave, (757) 928-4100

North Precinct Station, 13785 Warwick Blvd, (757) 369-3105

Central Precinct Station, 611 Dresden Dr, (757) 926-4702

South Precinct, 3303 Jefferson Ave, (757) 975-5000

Name (Last<sup>1</sup>, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth<sup>2</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Applicant's Last Ride Along<sup>3</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ride-along Participants are required to wear body armor provided by the Department during the ride-along. The following information is requested: Applicant's Waist Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ If you would prefer to be measured by a trained professional, you may set up an appointment to be measured during regular business hours by calling (757) 926-3044 or (757) 926-3038.

Select your ride-along preferences:

☐ Patrol Ride-along

Precinct choice: ☐ North (13785 Warwick Blvd)

☐ Central (611 Dresden Dr)

☐ South (3303 Jefferson Ave)

Watch choice: ☐ Day Shift (WI)

☐ Evening Shift (WII)

☐ Night Shift (WIII)

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

3:00 pm - 1:00 am

10:00 pm - 8:00 am

(show up @ 6:45 am)

(show up @ 2:45 pm)

(show up @ 9:45 pm)

☐ Marine Unit Ride-along (Day Shift, June 1<sup>st</sup>-August 30<sup>th</sup> Only). The start time and reporting location will be discussed when the ride-along is scheduled.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Program participants must show up at least 15 minutes before the shift starts and provide a photo ID to the on-duty shift supervisor. If the applicant does not have their ID, they will **not** be permitted to ride along at that time.
- Participants will present a neat and clean appearance. Business casual attire is expected. Clothing that is torn, depicts offensive images or words, shorts, and open-toed shoes are prohibited. In the case of a marine patrol ride-along, you may be advised to wear specific footwear and/or other clothing for your safety/comfort.
- Participants may discuss how long they want to ride along with the assigned officer when they arrive.

*Your signature authorizes the Department to conduct a criminal record check<sup>4</sup>. If approved for participation, you will need to sign an assumption of risk and waiver of liability. This form is available on our website if you would like to review it before submitting your application.*

Print Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### For Department Use Only

#### Record Check Status:

NCIC/VCIN: ☐ Negative ☐ Positive ☐ History on File Check performed date \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

LINX: ☐ Negative ☐ Positive ☐ History on File Check performed date \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL/IBR: ☐ Negative ☐ Positive ☐ History on File Check performed date \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

On, \_\_\_\_\_ this application was:

☐ Approved: please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to schedule your ride along.

☐ Declined

Patrol Bureau Command Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> If you have ever changed your last name, please also provide your former lastname.

<sup>2</sup> Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

<sup>3</sup> Participants are limited to one ride along within a six-month period and no more than two within a calendar year ([ADM-155 Ride-Along Program](#))

<sup>4</sup> A criminal record check will be conducted. Please allow at least two weeks for the application to be processed. The results of the criminal record check and the recommendations of the Patrol Bureau Commander will determine the applicant's eligibility 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 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.*