



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

Participants whose applications are approved are limited to one (1) ride along per year. Ride Alongs are conducted Monday through Friday with a duration of two (2) to four (4) hours. There will be no more than two (2) participants per car. A maximum of two (2) rides per precinct will be allowed per scheduled day.

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a bona fide resident of New York State.
- ✓ Applications can be downloaded from www.nyc.gov/nypd, (click on Community Affairs, click on Participating Programs, choose Civilian Observer Ride Along Program).
- ✓ Applications must be received by the Community Affairs Bureau within the following period:
 - New York State Residents ----- 15 Days prior to the request date.
 - Law Enforcement Personnel ----- 30 Days prior to the request date.
 - **Walk-in applications will not be approved.**
- ✓ Law Enforcement applicants must submit their application with a copy of their passport, a copy of their Law Enforcement ID **and** a sponsorship/endorsement letter from their employer, organization or agency head on their company letterhead.
- ✓ New York State applicants must submit a copy of their New York State ID with the application.
- ✓ All applications are subject to approval and background checks by the NYPD.
- ✓ Applicants are encouraged to complete a survey form at the conclusion of the ride.

RULES OF CONDUCT

- ✓ A valid photo ID and the Ride-Along Permission Slip must be presented at the time of the ride.
- ✓ The **use of cameras, recording devices and cell phones are prohibited.**
- ✓ If an emergency should occur during the tour, for your own safety, you **must** comply with any order or directive given to you by the officer(s).
- ✓ **Journalism** students and/or any person(s) affiliated with a Media organization **must state reason** for participation on a separate sheet.
- ✓ **No weapons or any other items prohibited by law**, including **self-defense sprays** are allowed, while participating in the program.
- ✓ All participants will be provided with a body armor that must be worn during the ride.
- ✓ **Ride will be cancelled, if applicant arrives more than 15 minutes late for appointment.**

*I acknowledge with my signature that I have read and understand the **Ride-Along Program Procedures & Rules** listed above.*

Applicant's Name (Print): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____



RIDE ALONG APPLICATION

Please return completed application to any local precinct or forward to **Community Affairs Bureau, Ride-Along Program, One Police Plaza, New York, NY 10038**. Copy of a valid photo ID must be submitted with the application. (Please print clearly and complete all information requested.)

Name: First _____ Last _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Country/Providence: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Agency/School _____

(Members of the Media/Journalism Students must state, on a separate sheet, the reason(s) for participating in the Ride-Along)

Date of Birth: _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Last Ride Along: _____

Reason for Ride Along Request: _____

Please choose a date, time and borough for the Ride Along:

1. Date of Ride _____ Time: (7:00 am **or** 3:00 pm)

2. Brooklyn Bronx Manhattan Queens Staten Island

(Note: Exceptions can be made on a case by case basis)

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I, _____, reside at _____ and being over eighteen (18) years of age, and have voluntarily requested to participate in the Ride-Along Program of the New York City Police Department. I understand the inherent dangers involved in police work, and I understand that I may be exposed to such dangers, including but not limited to, those risks to a passenger riding in marked police cars on patrol responding to calls, as well as accidentally coming across occurrences of an emergency or criminal nature. I assume the risk of any and all injuries that may result from my participation in this program.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Witnessed By: _____ Date _____



GENERAL RELEASE

I, _____, a participant in the New York City Police Department's Ride Along Program (herein after referred to as **PROGRAM**), am over eighteen years of age and reside at _____.

In consideration of and for the permission and authority to participate in the **PROGRAM**, I hereby release and forever discharge and shall hold harmless and indemnify the New York City Police Department, the City of New York, and its agents, servants and employees (collectively hereinafter referred to as **CITY**) from all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, sums of money, accounts, damages, judgments, claims and demands whatsoever which I, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns may have now or in the future against the **CITY** pursuant to my participation in the **PROGRAM** including, but not limited to, the riding in a New York City Police Department Vehicle and any acts related thereto.

This release may not be changed orally.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Witnessed By: _____ Date _____

FOR PRECINCT USE ONLY

ENDORSEMENT

Commanding Officer, _____ to Executive Officer, Community Affairs Bureau, Month _____ Date _____ Year _____. Contents noted. Recommend **APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL** of applicant(s) request to participate in the Ride-Along Program. Forwarded for your consideration.

(Name)

(Rank)

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ENDORSEMENT

Commanding Officer, Community Affairs Bureau to Commanding Officer, _____ Month _____ Date _____ Year _____. Contents noted. Recommend **APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL**. Forwarded for your information.

(Name)

(Rank)