



Owensboro Police Department

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In an effort to bring the police department and the community closer together, the Owensboro Police Department has initiated a citizen's Ride-Along Program. Interested citizens may ride-along with one of our officers during a portion of his/her day. In order to provide optimum safety to our participants, the following rules have been established.

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CITIZENS REQUIREMENTS

1. No one under the age of seventeen (17) will be permitted to participate in the Ride-Along Program without specific authorization from the Chief of Police.
2. Before participating, citizens must complete the appropriate Ride-Along application.
3. The date for the ride-along will be set by a patrol supervisor upon receipt of the application. An effort will be made to schedule a participant on their requested day.
4. Participants must report to the Police Department thirty (30) minutes prior to their assigned time on the day assigned, and ask for the section supervisor or their designee.
5. Participants shall not carry cameras or recording equipment nor use cell phones during the ride-along unless it is an emergency.
6. Privileged and confidential information overheard during the ride-along shall not be discussed with anyone and, unless authorized, participants shall not review any official reports or records of the Owensboro Police Department.
7. Participants must remain in the patrol vehicle at all times unless otherwise directed, and obey any and all instructions/directions given by the officer.
8. Participants shall not carry weapons during the ride-along.
9. Participants may request that the ride be terminated at any time and be returned to the police administration building.
10. Participants must dress professionally (i.e. in addition to appropriate footwear; males should wear slacks, sport or dress shirt, sweater, coat with or without tie; females a dress, pants, shirt/blouse, pantsuit, etc.). Inappropriate dress, as determined by the section supervisor, will not be allowed.

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Printed Name of Applicant

Address: _____ City: _____, State: _____

Telephone#: _____ Driver's License Number: _____

Have you (the applicant) ever been arrested? Yes No **If yes**, list date(s) and charge(s):

NOTE: Misrepresentation of any material facts by you may result in your being disqualified from participation in the Ride-Along Program.

Please explain in writing why you want to participate in the Ride-Along Program:

Applicants seventeen (17) years of age and under are required to have their parent or guardian's permission to participate in the Ride-Along Program.

I, _____ have read the release and understand all
Parent/Guardian (Please Print)

of its terms and give my permission to allow _____ to
Applicant (Please Print)

participate in the Owensboro Police Department Ride-Along Program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

The Ride-Along Program is designed to operate from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday. Unless a specific officer is requested, the afternoon section supervisor, or their designee, shall assign the ride-along officer.

THE CIVILIAN RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM IS NOT DESIGNED TO BE A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT. CITIZENS ACCOMPANY OFFICERS FOR OBSERVATION AND KNOWLEDGE ONLY. AUTHORIZATION FOR CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM MAY BE GRANTED ONLY BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR HIS DESIGNEE.

