



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BUREAU RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM



PROCEDURE AND RULES

THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED

Participants whose applications are approved are limited to one (1) Ride-Along per year. The Ride-Along Program is conducted Monday through Friday, for 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) participants per precinct will be scheduled per day.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and a bona fide New York State resident (with the exception of law enforcement personnel)
- ✓ Applications can be downloaded from WWW.NYC.GOV/NYPD (click on Bureaus → Community Affairs Bureau → Programs (bottom of page) → and scroll down to **Ride-Along Program**)
- ✓ Applications must be received by the Community Affairs Bureau within the following period:
 - New York State Residents ----- 20 Days prior to the requested Ride-Along date
 - Law Enforcement Personnel -----30 Days prior to the requested Ride-Along date
 - **WALK-IN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE APPROVED**
- ✓ **Law enforcement applicants must submit their application with copies of their passport, official law enforcement ID, and a sponsorship/endorsement letter from their employer, organization or agency head on official letterhead**
- ✓ **Applicants must submit a copy of their New York State Photo ID**
- ✓ All applicants are subject to approval and background checks by the NYPD
- ✓ Journalism students and/or any person(s) affiliated with a media organization must state the reason for participation on a separate sheet
- ✓ Applicants are encouraged to complete a survey form (provided at the precinct) at the conclusion of the ride

RULES OF CONDUCT:

- ✓ A valid photo ID and the Ride-Along Authorization Letter must be presented at the time of the ride
- ✓ **The use of cameras, recording devices and/or cell phones are prohibited**
- ✓ For your own safety, should an emergency occur during the tour, you must comply with any order or directive given to you by the officer(s)
- ✓ **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 body armor that must be worn during the ride
- ✓ **The Ride-Along will be cancelled, if the applicant arrives more than 15 minutes late for the appointment**

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

Applicant's Name (Print) _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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APPLICATION

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Please return the completed application to any local precinct or forward to **Community Affairs Bureau, Ride-Along Program, One Police Plaza, New York, NY 10038**. A copy of a valid photo ID must be submitted with the application.

(Please fill in all of the captions in CAPITAL LETTERS)

Name: First _____ Last _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country/Province: _____ 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-Along: _____ Time: _____ (either 7 AM or 3 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 affirm that I am at least 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 understand that I may be exposed to such dangers, including but not limited to, those risks involved as a passenger inside a marked police car on patrol responding to 911 calls or unexpected 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's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed By: _____ Date: _____



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GENERAL RELEASE

I, _____, a participant in the New York City Police Department's Ride Along Program (herein after referred to as the **PROGRAM**), affirm that I am at least eighteen (18) 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 herein after referred to as the **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, riding inside 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,
Date: _____ 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 _____,
Date: _____ Contents noted. Recommend **APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL**.

Name _____

Rank _____