



Sidney Police Department

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Welcome to the Sidney Police Department. We hope your Ride-Along experience is enjoyable and educational. Your safety is our first concern and we want to express the importance of reading, understanding and completing the following forms. Please take your time in completing these forms to ensure that your request is processed in a timely manner. If you have any questions, departmental staff will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to learn about the Sidney Police Department, its officers and what duties they perform on a daily basis. We hope that the time spent participating in the Ride-Along program will reward you with a newfound respect and awareness for the professional law enforcement officers that make up the Sidney Police Department. We encourage you to learn as much as possible about the department and share this information with your friends, family and neighbors.

Thank you again for taking an interest in the Sidney Police Department.

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Ride-Along Program Guidelines

WHO CAN RIDE-ALONG?

- Participants must be 19 years of age or older.
- Participants must not have any felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude or dishonesty (Theft, Fraud, etc).
- Preference in scheduling Ride-Alongs is given to Sidney residents.
- Only one Ride-Along is permitted per calendar year.

HOW DO I APPLY TO RIDE-ALONG?

- Applicants must fully complete the Ride-Along Application.
- To participate in the program, the GENERAL AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE must be signed by the applicant.
- The application and waiver forms must be submitted to the Police Department at least 14 working days before the desired Ride-Along date.
- Incomplete applications and applications without the signed agreements/waivers will be rejected.
- Applications and waivers must be submitted for each ride-along.

WHEN CAN I RIDE-ALONG?

- Ride-Alongs can be scheduled for any time of the day.
- Ride-Alongs are scheduled for 6 hour blocks and may overlap different patrol shifts. You may ride-along for less than 6 hours if you so desire.
- Specific dates/times can be requested on the application form. We will make every effort to schedule your ride-along as requested, however there is no guarantee that your request can be accommodated.
- We will contact you to let you know whether your application has been approved and, if so, the date and time you are scheduled to ride.
- Please arrive at the police department 15 minutes prior to your scheduled ride-along time. If you are not here at your scheduled time, your ride-along may be cancelled.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR AND BRING WITH ME WHEN RIDING ALONG?

- Riders must wear appropriate "business casual" attire which is suitable for have contact with the public.
- Shirts without collars, T-shirts, tank tops, sweat shirts, jeans, shorts, short skirts, halter tops, high heeled shoes, baseball caps, beanies and similar attire are not permissible.
- Clothing which is similar in any way to uniforms worn by the Sidney Police Department and any other clothing with lettering, emblems or similar items which could suggest the rider is a police employee are not permissible.
- Dress appropriately for the existing weather. It is possible that you might be required to be in extreme weather elements for extended periods of time.
- Bring enough money with you to purchase any food or drinks you might want to consume while you are riding along. Generally, the officer will have the opportunity to take a short break and have a lunch period during your ride-along. If you want to eat or drink something during these times, you are responsible for purchasing the items.
- DO NOT bring any audio, video recorders or cameras. Cell/Smart phones with built in cameras are permitted, however, recording, of any type, during the ride-along is strictly prohibited without the express written permission of the Chief of Police.

RULES

- **You must comply with the following rules. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the immediate termination of your ride-along and you will not be allowed to participate in the Ride-Along program in the future.**
- Riders are observers and you will be under the direct supervision of a police officer. You must comply with all directions and orders given to you by any police employee. You are not to become involved in any incident, conversation or altercation between police employees and the public.
- You are expected to conduct yourself in a civil, personable and courteous manner at all times.
- You are to remain seated in the police vehicle unless the officer specifically tells you that you may accompany the officer. You must wear the vehicle's seat belt at all times while inside the police vehicle.
- For security and safety reasons, participants are not allowed to handle or use any of the officer's equipment or the equipment in the patrol vehicle unless called upon by an officer in an extreme life threatening emergency.
- In the event the officer has to respond to a potentially dangerous situation or hazardous call, you may be dropped off at a safe location away from the incident. If this occurs, you will be given specific instructions to follow and the officer will arrange for you to be picked up as soon as possible.
- You may not carry or use any weapon while you are on a Ride-Along.



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Ride-Along Application

Today's Date:			
Name (Full Legal Name):			
Address:			Apt.:
City:		State:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email Address:			
Date of Birth:		Age:	Social Security No.:
Driver's Licence No.:			State:
Height:	Weight:	Hair Color:	Eye Color:
Employer/School:			
Reason for Ride-Along:			
Have you ridden before: YES NO (Circle One)		If so, when?	
Physical Disabilities:			
Are you under the care of a physician, if so why?			
Are you pregnant? YES NO (Circle One)			
Have you ever been convicted of any misdemeanor offenses?		YES NO (Circle One)	
If YES above, explain the offense, when & where it occurred and sentence:			
Have you ever been convicted of any felony offenses?		YES NO (Circle One)	
If YES above, explain the offense, when & where it occurred and sentence:			
Do you currently have and criminal charges pending?		YES NO (Circle One)	
If so, explain:			
Date Requested (remember there is a 14 day waiting period)		Hours Requested	
1st Choice:			
2nd Choice:			

PD USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

Photo ID Verified: <input type="checkbox"/>	ID Type: _____	ID State: _____
Records Check: <input type="checkbox"/> Local RMS	<input type="checkbox"/> NCIC Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> No Record <input type="checkbox"/> Record Attached
Approval Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied Reason: _____	
Applicant Notified: <input type="checkbox"/>	By: _____	Date: _____
Date/Time Scheduled for Ride-Along: _____		



Sidney Police Department Ride-Along Program

General Agreement/Waiver & Release

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM - The undersigned voluntarily wishes to participate in a ride-along program, which is a hazardous activity with the potential for death, serious injury and property loss. The risks include but are not limited to: those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of equipment, vehicular traffic, negligent and non-negligent action of other people including but not limited to: participants, volunteers, officers and citizens. I hereby assume all of the risks of participating in the ride-along program. I certify that I am physically able to participate in the ride-along program and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical professional.

GENERAL AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE

In consideration for being permitted by the City of Sidney to participate in the above activity, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages for personal injury, death or property damage which I may have or which may hereafter accrue as a result of my participation in said activity. This release is intended to discharge, in advance, the above city (its officers, employees and agents) from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in said activity, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of said city or its officers, employees or agents.

I understand that the above activity may be of a hazardous nature and/or include physical and/or strenuous exercise or activity; that serious accidents occasionally occur during the above activity/and that participants in the above activity occasionally sustain mortal or personal injuries and/or property damages as consequence thereof. Knowing the risks involved, nevertheless, I have voluntarily applied to participate in said activity, and I hereby agree to assume any and all risks of injury, death or property damage and to release and hold harmless the City of Sidney (its officers, employees and agents) who through negligence, carelessness or any other act or omission might otherwise be liable to me. I further understand and agree that this waiver, release and assumption of risks is to be binding on my heirs and assigns.

I further agree to indemnify and to hold the City of Sidney (its officers, employees and agents) free and harmless from any loss, liability, damage, cost or expense which they may incur as a result of any injury and/or property damage that I may sustain while participating in said activity.

I hereby consent to receive medical and hospital treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury accident and/or illness during the Ride-Along Program and I am unable to make these decisions for myself.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE ABOVE CITY, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Name of Participant: _____ Date: _____
(Printed)

Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____