

## Newport News Police Department Ride Along Program

Please read over this entire application very carefully and return it either via e-mail (ridealong@nngov.com), or in person to any Newport News Police Department facility, or mail it to: Newport News Police Department, Records Unit, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23605. Please print clearly and complete all of the required areas.

**NOTE:** For those applicants submitting the application via the web, you will be asked to provide written signature on your application at the time you arrive for your ridealong. By submitting the application electronically, you are agreeing to the same performance of the mandatory criminal record check on you prior to the approval of your ridealong request.

Name (Last, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_ Date of Applicant's Last Ride Along\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ride Along Participants are required to wear body armor during the ride along. The following information is also 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 3038.

\* Per NNPD Administrative Policy "ADM-155 Ride Along Program" citizen ride alongs are limited to one every six months. Waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Chief of Police, or his designee.

### Patrol Ride Along Applicants:

Please check the shift and sector in which applicant would prefer to ride:

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|----|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| A. | <input type="checkbox"/> | North Precinct [N]                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Central Precinct [C]                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | South Precinct [S]                             |
| B. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Day Shift (WI)<br>7:00am - 5:00pm [N,S,C] | <input type="checkbox"/> | Evening Shift (WII)<br>3:00 PM-1:00 AM [N,S,C] | <input type="checkbox"/> | Night Shift (WIII)<br>10:00 PM-8:00 AM [N,S,C] |

### Marine Patrol Ride Along Applicants:

- Please check if this is a Marine Patrol ride along application. (Marine Patrol ride alongs will not be required to wear body armor.)  
Due to staffing, safety, and weather considerations, Marine Patrol Ride Along applicants will have a ride along time assigned to them (night or evening shifts do not exist for Marine Patrol)

Person To Notify In Case Of Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone #: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 Application Procedures, and Rules of Conduct** listed at the end of this form.*

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

Print applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the Watch Commander listed below for applicant to schedule ride-along:

Administrative Sergeant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Records Check Status: \_\_ Negative \_\_ Positive \_\_ History on File Check performed date \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

NCIC Status: \_\_ Negative \_\_ Positive \_\_ History on File Check performed date \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

Application: \_\_ Approved \_\_ Denied Field Operations Commander's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Newport News Police Department Ride Along Program Application Procedures

Citizens whose applications are approved are limited to one ride along within a six-month period and no more than two within a calendar year.

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Completed applications can be returned to any Newport News police facility, e-mailed (ridealong@nngov.com), or mailed to Newport News Police Department, Records Unit, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, Virginia 23605.
3. A criminal record check will be conducted. Allow at least two weeks for the application to be processed.
4. 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 Ride Along Program.
5. In the case of patrol ride alongs, the applicant shall select which section of the City (North, Central or South Precinct) and which shift the applicant desires to ride along. In the case of marine patrol ride alongs, the applicant will be assigned a time and told where to report to ride.
6. It is the applicant's responsibility to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the shift's starting time and present the approved application to the on-duty shift supervisor. If the applicant **does not** have the application with him, he will **not** be permitted to ride along at that time. If an applicant loses or misplaces his approved application, he must re-apply before being permitted to ride.
7. Applications can be obtained, and returned to, the following police facilities:

Police Headquarters Building, 9710 Jefferson Avenue, PH# 928-4100  
North Precinct Station, 368 Deshazor Drive, PH# 369-3105  
Central Precinct Station, 611 Dresden Drive, PH# 591-4978  
South Precinct, 3303 Jefferson Avenue, PH# 975-5000  
Mobile Police Station Bus (locations vary)

### Ride Along Program Rules of Conduct

1. You will be assigned to ride with a Police Officer of this Department (Host Officer). Requests for assignment with a specific officer will be at the discretion of the on-duty supervisor. You must have your approved ride along application 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 (unless you are a duly sworn law enforcement officer).
3. 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 on the Application.
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.
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.
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 at the discretion of the Host Officer.
9. At the sole discretion of the Host Officer or his chain of command and as time permits, another vehicle may be called to pick you up, if and when 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. 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. 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. You will be required to present a neat and clean appearance, and wear appropriate business-like attire. Casual clothing such as jeans, shorts, T-shirts, and sneakers is not acceptable. 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.