

Florence Police Department
Ride Along Responsibilities, Prohibitions Information, Applications and Liability
Agreement

Responsibilities and Procedures for Riders:

1. A rider is an observer who is to avoid participating or becoming involved in police work unless otherwise directed.
2. The rider must follow the officer's direction. Failure to do so will immediately terminate the ride-along, and may prohibit future participation in the program.
3. The rider must wear an issued identification tag so that it is visible during the ride-along, and return it to the officer with whom they are riding at the end of the ride-along.

Prohibitions:

1. Unless otherwise directed by a police officer or supervisor, the rider is prohibited from:
 - a. Operating a patrol vehicle or any other department equipment;
 - b. Acting as an agent of the department or otherwise performing any police related duty;
 - c. Approaching any vehicle on a traffic stop or approaching any residence, building, or other situation where the potential for violence exists or a crime is in progress;
 - d. Entering any crime scene of a serious nature (e.g. homicide) and/or touching, possessing, tampering with, or otherwise having contact with any evidence; and
 - e. Accompanying officers during the execution of a search or arrest warrant on private property without the consent of the property owner or other person in control of the property, unless the rider is present to aid in the execution of the warrant.
2. If a property owner or other person in control of private property requests that a rider leave the premises, that request will be honored, unless the rider is there to assist police officers in the performance of their duties.

Information

1. No alcohol is to be consumed within 8 hours previous to a ride-along. No person shall be allowed to ride who, in the opinion of the officer, is under the influence of intoxicants, prescription drugs or otherwise.

2. You may not carry weapons during the ride-along, including but not limited to mace or tear gas components, knives of any size, Tasers, or firearms. Prohibition of weapons includes persons authorized to carry concealed weapons by permit. Exception: other law enforcement officer if:
 - a. The person is a current sworn police officer in the State of Oregon and not on any type of administrative leave or serving any disciplinary action;
 - b. The person has their police badge and/or peace officer identification card in their possession;
 - c. The person is not carrying a weapon with .357 magnum, .41 magnum, .44 magnum, or any high-penetration ammunition;
 - d. The person signs a statement indicating that s/he has read our use of force policy and agrees to comply with it.
 - e. Sworn peace officers from other jurisdictions outside the State of Oregon may not carry a firearm during any ride-along.
3. Male riders shall wear dress shirt, slacks and shoes. Coat is optional
4. Female riders shall wear slacks or pant suit. No dress or skirts permitted. No pumps or high heels. Shoes should be of low or no heel. Purses are permitted, but should be of a small type with essential items only.
5. No guarantee exists that you will be returned to the station exactly at the scheduled time the ride-along is to end. The needs of the risk being performed have priority, though efforts will be made to accomplish your return as soon as possible. If you are scheduled to ride for less than an entire shift and desire to complete the remainder of the shift with the officer, at the officer's discretion, this may be granted.
6. No guarantee exists as to break or eating periods. Ensure you are sufficiently fed previous to the shift that if need be, you can complete your hours without a significant meal and without significant discomfort. The officer is not responsible for the expense of any food or beverage you may wish to purchase.
7. Recording devices, whether audio or visual, including but not limited to micro cassettes, standard cassettes, still cameras, video cameras, are not authorized. Recording in any medium any person arrested or any complainant, victim, witness, suspect, subject or property of the persons named is expressly forbidden. (Exception: Authorized media)
8. During your ride you may witness events which will be introduced to the criminal justice system. You may be identified in the police report as a witness to the event. It is possible that you may be subpoenaed to testify in legal proceedings as to what you saw. Should you be subpoenaed, you are

neither entitled to nor will receive any compensation from the Florence Police Department.

9. In some instances it may be known that the call to which the officer enroute to is hazardous. Threats also may approach the officer unannounced. Your presence with the officer or your presence in the police vehicle may increase your risk of injury, maim, or death. Although every action will be taken to protect you, there are no guarantees. Your acceptance to ride with a police officer is your decision and you shall not hold the City of Florence and any employee or agent responsible, either orally or financially for damages arising from your ride-along with the officer.
10. If, for any reason, the officer determines there is to be a conflict of interest, jeopardy, or other interference with his tasks, at his discretion, he may terminate the ride-along and return you to the station.
11. Law enforcement is a career of confidentiality. With and without the consent of those involved, police officers enter people's privet lives. You are expected to maintain the confidentiality of all you see and hear during your ride-along.
12. Notice: A criminal history check and other routine investigative methods will be utilized to check your background prior to allowing you to participate in the ride-along program.
13. You shall at all time adhere strictly to the officer's directions.

I certify I have read and will comply with the above regulations.

Signature: _____

Date and Time: _____

Supervisor: _____

Date and Time: _____

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work: _____

Occupation: _____

Sex: _____

Birthdate: _____

Drivers License Number: _____

State: _____

Do you have any allergies or reactions to medications? Yes _____ No _____

If yes describe: _____

Are you taking any drugs or medications? Yes _____ No _____

Are there any other medical considerations of which we should be aware during your ride-along? Examples: Epilepsy, Hemophilia, Diabetes, etc. Yes _____ No _____

If yes describe: _____

In case of an emergency notify:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Why do you want to ride patrol with a Florence Police Officer?

Is there any information you wish to provide previous to your ride-along that you feel is important or should be brought to attention?

What time of the day would you like to participate in the ride-along program?

From: _____ **To:** _____

Officer's comments: (To be completed at completion of the ride)
