



CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON



Bureau of Police

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PORTLAND POLICE RIDE-ALONG REQUEST FORM

Dear ride-along applicant:

1. If you are at least 16 years of age, you are welcome to apply for a ride-along by reading, completing and signing both sides of this Ride-along Request form. If you are under 18 years of age, a parent must sign the Parental Consent Release.
2. Turn this form in to the precinct desk attendant where you want to ride-along - normally two weeks in advance. Call the relief sergeant of the shift and precinct you requested to check the status of your request 24 hours in advance.
3. As part of this program, you agree to undergo a comprehensive police records check.
4. Your basic responsibilities as a ride-along are to:
 - a) Remain in or return to the police vehicle in dangerous or sensitive situations (i.e., homicide, sex crimes, deaths, etc.);
 - b) Do not enter and/or remain in a major crime scene;
 - c) Limit your movements to places open to the public and places you have permission to enter;
 - d) Comply with all directions given by a police officer;
 - e) Avoid operating equipment, unless an officer's safety is at risk or you receive an officer's permission;
 - f) Be an observer only. Do not become involved verbally or physically unless the officer's safety is at risk or you are directed to do so. The City of Portland will not be liable for a ride-along's unauthorized interventions.
5. You must be in civilian clothing and wear a ride-along jacket/vest on your outer clothing at all times when in the field. When not in the field, the jacket/vest may be removed (i.e., in a restaurant for meals, community meetings, etc.).
6. You cannot carry a firearm even if you have a concealed weapons permit. The exception is a certified police officer.
7. The personal safety of the officer and the Bureau's responsibilities to the community will be considered at all times. Therefore, an officer may terminate your ride-along at any time, without explanation or advance notice. In addition, if emergency circumstances dictate, you may be dropped off at a safe location in the field.
8. Affiliation: Explorer _____ Neighborhood Rep. _____ Spouse _____ Nonsworn _____ Citizen _____
Other _____
9. What is the reason for your ride-along request? (School/class, interested citizen, etc.) _____

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City Information Line: 503-823-4000, TTY (for hearing and speech impaired): 503-823-6868 Website: www.portlandpolice.com

Today's Date ____/____/____ Date Requested ____/____/____ Time _____ Precinct _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

DOB ____/____/____ Race _____ Emergency Contact _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Have you been arrested or convicted for a crime? _____ If yes, for what? _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the reverse side of this form and ask the Portland Police Bureau for permission to ride, as an observer only, in an authorized Police Bureau motor vehicle. This observation is for the purpose of my educational benefit. If permission is granted, I agree to obey all instructions, orders, and commands given to me by officer(s) at a scene or in command of any vehicle in which I may be riding. I realize and appreciate the nature of law enforcement work, and know that I might encounter violence, uncertainty, danger and criminality during a ride-along. I understand that I may encounter situations during a ride-along that expose me to a risk of physical harm or injury, including, but not limited to, motor vehicle accidents. I freely and voluntarily accept these risks. I further agree to keep confidential my observations when requested to do so by a member of the Police Bureau.

I further understand I will be a guest passenger in the police vehicle in which I ride. I have not offered any payment to the Police Bureau or any of its employees for the opportunity to ride in a police vehicle and observe law enforcement activity.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the educational benefit I will gain by riding-along with a police officer, I hereby agree to hold the City of Portland, its Commissioners, the Portland Police Bureau and its Chief, employees, agents and servants harmless from any and all liability to me for death, personal injury, or property damage, whether proximate or remote, sustained while I ride-along and observe law enforcement activity.

Signature of Rider (regardless of age)

Date Signed

PARENTAL CONSENT

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the reverse side of this form and, being the parent(s) or legal guardian of _____, a minor under the age of eighteen, ask that the Portland Bureau of Police grant permission for the above-mentioned minor to ride on the date of ____/____/____, in a Police Bureau motor vehicle and observe law enforcement activity. I authorize the Portland Police Bureau to conduct a police records check of the minor. I realize and appreciate the nature of law enforcement work, and know that the minor might encounter violence, uncertainty, danger and criminality during a ride-along. I understand that the minor may encounter situations during the ride-along that expose the minor to a risk of death, physical harm or injury, including, but not limited to, motor vehicle accidents. I freely and voluntarily accept these risks.

I further understand that he/she will be a guest passenger in the Police vehicle in which he/she rides. I have not offered any payment to the Bureau of Police or any of its employees for the opportunity for the above named minor to ride in a police vehicle and observe law enforcement activity.

In order that the minor may gain the educational benefits of riding-along, I further agree to hold the City of Portland, its Commissioners, the Portland Police Bureau and its Chief, employees, agents and servants harmless from any and all liability to the above-named minor and to me for death, personal injury or property damage, whether proximate or remote, sustained while he/she rides-along and observes law enforcement activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date Signed

Witnessed by Officer _____ DPSST _____

PPDS _____	LEDS/NCIC Wants _____	Checked by _____	DPSST _____
Officer _____	DPSST _____	Precinct _____	Dist. _____
Sgt. Approval _____			Date _____
Cmdr. Approval _____			DPSST _____
(Required: Rider under 16 years of age)			

DISTRIBUTION: Store in RU Ride-along file for ten years

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