

Columbia City Police Department
Ride-Along Request Form

Dear Ride-along applicant:

1. You are welcome to apply for a ride-along by reading, completing and signing both sides of this Ride-along Request Form (regardless of your age). The Chief of Police must grant any exceptions.
2. Turn this form in to the officer you wish to ride with at least two weeks prior to riding. The Chief of Police may authorize exceptions.

Note: There is no promise or guarantee of honoring your request. In addition, your ride-along could be cancelled at any time.

3. As part of this program, you agree to undergo a comprehensive police records check.
4. Your basic role as a ride-along is to:
 - a. Remain in or return to the police vehicle in dangerous or sensitive situations (i.e., homicide, sex crimes, deaths, etc.)
 - b. Comply with all directions given by a police officer.
 - c. Do not operate equipment unless an officer's safety is an issue or you receive an officer's permission.
 - d. Be an observer. Do not become involved verbally or physically unless the officer's safety is an issue or directed to do so. The City of Columbia City will not be liable for a ride-along's unauthorized intervention.
5. You cannot carry a firearm even if police certified or have a concealed weapon permit unless authorized by the Chief of Police.
6. The personal safety of the officer and the Police Department'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 the safest location feasible in the field.

7. Affiliation: Explorer ___ Neighborhood Rep. ___ Spouse ___ Nonsworn ___ Citizen ___
Other _____

8. What is the reason for your ride-along request? (School/class, interested citizen, etc.)

Today's Date _____ Date Requested _____ Time _____
 LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____
 ADDRESS _____ HOME PHONE _____
 DOB _____ RACE _____
 EMERGENCY CONTACT _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____
 Have you been arrested or convicted for a crime? _____ If yes, for what? _____
 Have you been on a ride-along in the last 12 months? _____ If yes, when? _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I the undersigned, understand the reverse side of this form and do hereby request the Columbia City Police Department for permission to ride, as an observer only, in an authorized Police vehicle. This observation is for the purpose of my educational benefit. If permission is granted, I agree to obey at all times all instructions, orders, and commands given to me by officer(s) at the scene or in command of any vehicle in which I may be riding. I fully realize and appreciate the basic nature of law enforcement work and the possibility that situations will arise which might result in my being exposed to the danger of physical harm or injury, including but not limited to, motor vehicle accidents. I nevertheless freely and voluntarily accept these risks. I further agree to keep confidential any things which I may observe when requested to do so by members of the Police Department.

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 department or any of its employees for the opportunity to ride in a police vehicle.

WHEREFORE, in considerations of the education benefit to be received by me with the granting of this request, I hereby agree to hold the City of Columbia City, its councilmembers, the Columbia City Police Department 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 during the period of time I may be in the capacity of an observer, as aforesaid.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I, the undersigned, understand the reverse side of this form and, being the parent(s) or legal guardian of _____, a minor under the age of 18, do hereby request that the Columbia City Police Department grant permission for the above-named minor to ride on the date of _____, in an authorized Police Department vehicle. I authorize a police records check and fully realize and appreciate the possibility that may arise which might result in his/her being exposed to the danger of physical harm or injury. I nevertheless freely and voluntarily accept these risks.

I further understand that he/she will be a guest passenger in the police vehicle in which they ride. I have not offered any payment to the Police Department or any of its employees for the opportunity for the above named minor to ride in a police vehicle.

I further agree to hold the City of Columbia City, its councilmembers, the Columbia City Police Department and its Chief, employees, agents and servants harmless from any and all liability to the above-named minor and me for personal injury or property damage, whether proximate or remote, sustained during the period of time he/she may be in the capacity of an observer.

 Signature of Rider (regardless of age) Date Signed

 Signature of Guardian Date Signed

Witnessed by Officer: _____ DPSST: _____

LEDS/NCIC Wants: _____ Checked by: _____ DPSST: _____

Officer: _____ DPSST: _____ Date: _____ Shift: _____

Supervisor Approval: _____ DPSST: _____

The above waiver is in effect for one year from the date signed by the observer unless other wise stated.