



Citizen Ride-Along Request Form

Name (Include other names used) _____ DOB ____/____/____
 Address _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____
 E-Mail Address: _____
 Request 2-Hour Time Period (e.g. 10 PM – Midnight) _____
 Request Specific Date(s): (At least 1-week from today) _____
You will be notified by a sergeant or watch commander if you request has been approved.
 Emergency Contact & Phone # _____
 Have you ever been arrested before or had police contact with anyone in this agency before? No or Yes – If Yes, please explain (use a separate sheet of paper if needed) _____

It is the policy of the Oregon City Police Department that prior to approval to participate in the Ride-Along-Program, you must meet the following conditions:

1. Satisfactorily pass a criminal history check and receive approval from the on-duty supervisor.
2. Have no communicable diseases.
3. Any person requesting to participate may not have pending litigation against the City of Oregon City or any City employee.
4. Current photocopy of photo identification must be attached to this request. (Oregon Driver’s License or student body card)
5. Not have participated previously in the Oregon City Police Ride-Along-Program within the last 12 months.

During the course of the ride-along, the following rules apply to all participants:

1. You may not bring any weapons or firearms of any kind, including small knives on the Ride-Along.
2. You must follow the instructions of the Officer at all times. (be quiet when the radio is used, not be disruptive in any way, refrain from speaking with victims or suspects of crimes, nor represent themselves as members of the Oregon City Police Department in any way etc.) Applicants may be denied as a participant of the program at the sole discretion of Oregon City Police Department or its designee.
3. You may not enter and/or remain at the scene of a crime.
4. Dress Code: refer to suitable attire on ride along check list.
5. You are on the ride-along to observe. You are not to become involved verbally or physically with what occurs on the ride-along unless instructed by an officer to do so.
6. Your personal safety, the personal safety of the officers conducting the ride-along and Department’s responsibility to the community shall take priority over the ride-along. Accordingly, an officer may terminate your ride-along at any time, without explanation or advance notice. If a ride-along is



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terminated, the department will attempt to leave you at a desired location, but if emergency circumstances require it, you may be dropped off at a safe location in the field.

Applicants may be denied as a participant of the program at the sole discretion of the Oregon City Police Department or its designee., the undersigned, request the Oregon City Police Department allow me to participate in its voluntary Ride-Along-Program. This program enables citizens to accompany members of the Oregon City Police Department during the performance of their duties. I hereby authorize the Oregon City Police Department to check any records, criminal history, or other files to determine if I am qualified to participate in this program. I understand my request may be denied or limited at the sole discretion of the Oregon City Police Department.

Further, I release the City of Oregon City and its Officers, Officials, Agents and Representatives from any claims made against the City of Oregon City or any of the above named due to injuries to my person or damages to my property. It is understood that I have requested to accompany a regular police officer of the Oregon City Police Department during a normal tour of his/her assigned duties. Further, that Ride-Along's can be hazardous by nature and the rider may be exposed to blood borne and airborne pathogens in our work environment (crime scenes, motor vehicle accidents, etc.)

I will not interfere with nor become involved in any manner with any situation in which the officer must assume command. I am aware that I may be subpoenaed as a witness and that if I become involved in any matter, either criminal or civil, I may be held responsible for my actions.

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature (if necessary) _____ Date _____

How long at your current address if less than two years provide previous addresses. _____

Why do you want to ride? _____

_____ Approved Denied
Operations Lt./Sergeant/Officer

Records Check Completed _____
Initials Assigned Officer DPSST #



Ride-Along Checklist

The Oregon City Police Department Ride-Along Program provides an opportunity for citizens to experience the law enforcement function first hand. The Oregon City Police Department Ride-Along Program is offered to Oregon City residents, prospective police candidates, member's families or friends, students 16 years of age or older, and those employed within the City. This program is extended to foster communication with our citizenry and others to educate people about community policing.

As part of this program it must be recognized that law enforcement or patrol officers may be exposed to dangerous situations. While every effort will be made to provide a positive and safe experience, participation in this program entails some risk and unforeseen circumstances. Listed below are several guidelines and rules that ride along candidates agree to follow to ensure a positive and safe experience. In closing we are proud to offer this program and to serve the citizens of Oregon City. We hope you enjoy this program and have a positive experience.

- Suitable Attire – Please wear suitable attire such as khaki pants or jeans that are in good condition with no holes or tears, collared shirts, blouses, etc. No torn clothing, tank tops, sandals or t-shirts. No offensive clothing. No clothing that could give the appearance that you are a police officer.
- The rider will follow the directions of the officer at all times.
- The rider will not become involved in the questioning of suspects/victims, any investigation, handling police equipment, or handle any evidence.
- The officer may terminate the ride at any time without cause and return the observer/rider to the police station or safe location in the discretion of the officer.
- Riders may not enter any building, residence, or situation that may jeopardize their safety or cause undue stress or embarrassment to a victim or any other citizen.
- Under no circumstance shall a ride along be permitted to enter a private residence with an officer without the express consent of the resident or authorized person and then the approval of the officer in charge of the ride along.
- Riders may be exposed to dangerous situations in which blood and airborne pathogens or other hazardous substance may be present in our work environment.
- The rider is requested to observe the officer only and is not allowed to represent themselves as members of this agency or a law enforcement officer.
- No audio, video, picture, recording or other digital reproduction may be made by any ride along candidate at any time without the express consent of the Chief of Police or designees.

By signing the Ride-Along Request Form (Page 1) I have been made aware of and agree to these conditions as stated.