

**Chesapeake Police Department**  
**Release for Permission**  
**To Observe or Participate in Police Activities**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to participate in the Chesapeake Police Department Ride-Along Program. I understand that participating in this program places me at risk of harm, as police work is inherently dangerous, and I understand that I could suffer injury or death as a result of engaging in this activity, and that, as a result of my actions or presence, I could cause injury to others. I further understand and agree that the Police Department, in allowing me to engage in these activities, is doing so only under the explicit understanding and agreement that neither the department nor any of its employees or agents are assuming any special relationship with or obligation toward me to protect or assist me in regard to my participation in these activities. I have fully informed myself, to my satisfaction, as to the nature and risks of the activities in which I am engaging, and I waive any claim which I may have against the City of Chesapeake, its departments, employees or agents, for any alleged failure on the part of any of them to fully inform me to the nature and risks of such activities. I further waive any and all claims of any kind which I may have against the City of Chesapeake, its departments, employees or agents, for any loss or injury of any kind whatsoever which I may suffer as a result of my participation in the activities described above. I agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the City of Chesapeake, its departments, employees and agents, by any third party when such claim is based upon my actions while engaged in the activities as described in this document. I understand and agree that the permission granted by the Chesapeake Police Department applies only to the activities described, and that my participation in any activity described, even when done at the request of an employee or agent of the Police Department other than a member of the Department's Command Staff is unauthorized. Accordingly, I waive any claim which I may have against the City of Chesapeake, its departments, employees or agents, for any loss or injury of any kind whatsoever which I may suffer as a result of my participation in such unauthorized activities, and I agree to hold harmless and to indemnify the City of Chesapeake, its departments, employees or agents, by any third party where such claim is based upon my actions while engaged in such unauthorized activities.

Witness my signature this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name (printed)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Birth**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Operator's License Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**State**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Social Security Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Email**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

**Request:**

Date / Day / Time of Ride-Along: \_\_\_\_\_

Precinct / Unit / Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Officer or Employee to Accompany: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Records Check Completed: Approve / Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initials

\*Interview Completed: Approve / Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initials

**Recommendation -**  
**Approved / Disapproved** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Commanding Officer, Traffic Enforcement** **Date**

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\*Subject Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Time Initials

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Precinct / Unit / Section, Chain-of-Command notified via e-mail on: \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ hours by \_\_\_\_\_. Supervisors notified: \_\_\_\_\_

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PROPER ATTIRE FOR PARTICIPATING IN POLICE ACTIVITIES

The Chesapeake Police Department is a public organization and, as such, the public observes employees/participants in the performance of their duties. Therefore, it is important that each Department employee and participant portray a professional, service-oriented image while conducting the Department's business. Generally, Ride Along participants should follow the rules of business or business casual attire including wearing:

- Business suits
- Sport coats, jackets
- Separates (coordinated tops, skirts or slacks)
- Chinos, Dockers, Khakis
- Collared or banded shirts
- Appropriate footwear
- Sweaters
- Appropriate undergarments

All clothing should be laundered and pressed with no holes or frayed areas. Additionally, appropriate work attire should promote modesty, health, safety, and the avoidance of distraction.

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

Business attire precludes the wearing of wind, jogging, sweat or athletic suits, flip flops, athletic shoes, shorts, clothing that is too tight or too short, lycra, spandex, jeans, T-shirts, halter tops, cropped tops, clothing that implies or contains partisan, commercial or derogatory slogans or pictures (especially in relation to age, gender, race, or religion).

Any questions regarding the appropriateness of specific attire should be addressed to the Ride-along Program Administrator.

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ELIGIBILITY

1. Individuals who wish to participate in this program must meet, at minimum, certain criteria that have been established for the express purpose of ensuring the safety of the participant, officer, and public are maintained.
2. To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must meet the following conditions.
  - a. Must be eighteen (18) years of age, or older.
  - b. Must be a resident of the City of Chesapeake or currently participating in a college/university program.
  - c. Must be willing to undergo a criminal records check, which will be conducted by the Ride-Along Program Administrator or his/her designee.
  - d. Must not be a convicted felon or currently charged with a felony offense.
  - e. Must be willing to voluntarily accept the conditions of the Chesapeake Police Department's "Release for Permission to Observe or Participate in Police Activities" form, and truthfully complete and sign such form.

RESTRICTIONS

1. Under no circumstances will an individual, while participating in Ride-Along Program, carry and/or conceal any type of weapon.

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2. At no time will non-departmental personnel be allowed to enter a citizen's private residence while participating in the Ride-Along Program.

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3. Participants are under the supervision of the Police Officer they are riding with are prohibited from becoming involved in any investigation, touching evidence, handling police equipment, or engaging in conversation with victims, suspects, or witnesses.

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4. Observers should be aware that they are subject to being subpoenaed and required to appear in court as witnesses if they have personal knowledge of facts in a particular crime and their host officers believe they are needed as witnesses.

PARTICIPANT'S INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

5. While participating in the Ride-Along Program, participants are prohibited from broadcasting or recording any audio or video media during or following Police Ride-Along Activities.

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**Permission to participate in this Program is a benefit afforded to the citizens of Chesapeake by the Chesapeake Police Department and as such is contingent upon the operating conditions of the Chesapeake Police Department. Permission may be restricted to specified periods of time, and/or specified locations, and may be revoked entirely and solely at the discretion of the Ride Along Program Administrator.**

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## Informational Hand-Out

Sgt C. Jancewicz **Submit packet via email to:** [cjancewicz@cityofchesapeake.net](mailto:cjancewicz@cityofchesapeake.net)  
(Schedules Ride-along) 382-8456 Monday – Friday  
8 am – 4 pm

Lt. W. Chadwick 382-8468 Monday – Friday  
8 am – 4 pm

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### **Approximate Shifts:**

DAYS: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM EVES 3:30 PM – 11:30 PM MIDS 11:30 PM – 7:30 AM

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Precincts: (\*Please do not call until AFTER application is approved.)

1st Precinct (Headquarters) --- Great Bridge 382-6556

2nd Precinct (South Norfolk) 382-1500

3rd Precinct (Deep Creek) 673-0498

4th Precinct (Western Branch) 382-3500 / 3520

5th Precinct (Greenbrier) 410-0582 / 83 / 84