



Salisbury Police Department

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SALISBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT RIDE ALONG APPLICATION AND RELEASE

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Driver's License/I.D. Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Background Check: _____
Dispatcher's Signature

Date: _____

Application Approved: _____
Sergeant / OIC Signature

Date: _____

Ride Along Participant Signature: _____



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1. No person shall be allowed to ride without having submitted a signed ride-along request and waiver form. Refusal to complete this form, or false statements of any nature on same, will disqualify that person from participation in the program. The request to ride form must be returned to the Salisbury Police Department two weeks prior to the first request date of participation. At the supervisor's discretion, exceptions may be made for special situations requiring shorter notice, as long as other procedures are followed. Special situations may include out of state visitors or criminal justice personnel.
2. Civilian ride-along will be allowed to ride no more than once every six months, without prior approval of the Chief of Police.
3. Participants must obey the orders and instructions given by the officer to whom they are assigned.
4. Participants must not leave the patrol vehicle unless instructed to do so by the officer.
5. Participants are required to wear a bullet proof vest supplied by the Salisbury Police Department
6. The rider will provide his/her own transportation to and from the Police Department.
7. When the patrol unit is assigned to a dangerous call, the rider may be dropped off at a safe location and he/she must remain there until the officer or another police unit returns to pick them up.
8. Persons with extensive criminal backgrounds will not be allowed to ride with an officer, background checks will be conducted on all applicants.
9. Ride along tours usually last four (4) hours; however, either the officer or the rider may terminate the tour at any time. The shift supervisor shall be advised of early termination.
10. Applicants will be notified by the Police Department after filing the written application request form. At that time, the ride will be scheduled and/or confirmed, or denied.
11. The applicant's participation is a privilege and not a right. The basic premise of the ride along program is to establish rapport with the police and learn about the functions of law enforcement.
12. Participants shall not converse with any prisoners, suspects, victims or witnesses nor shall they participate in any police activity unless directly requested by officers.



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13. All participants must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in police cases or incidents, as this maybe CORI information or at a minimum privileged information. The observer will be considered a confidant of the Police Department and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered during investigations be held confidential.
14. Tape and or video recorders and cameras will not be permitted while participating in the program, unless express permission is granted by the Chief of Police.
15. By signing the waiver form, the participant agrees to the rules and regulations listed above.

RELEASE

I, the undersigned, hereby request permission to ride in a police vehicle with the Salisbury, MA Police Department, at such times and in such areas as may be approved by the Chief of Police or his designated representative. I understand that the police vehicle will be engaged in normal police patrol and law enforcement activities, some of which may be dangerous and expose passengers to risk or harm. I acknowledge this risk of harm and voluntarily accept it, hereby releasing the town of Salisbury, the Salisbury Police Department, the individual officers and employees of the Town of Salisbury from any liability which might result from my participation in this program. I give permission to have my background checked for criminal history. I agree to the rules and instructions listed on page two of this form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Chief of Police: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Applicants under eighteen (18) years of age are not permitted to participate in the ride along program unless otherwise authorized by the Chief of Police