

**GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Greenbelt, Maryland**

**RIDE-ALONG
GENERAL RELEASE**

Know All Men By These Presence, That I, _____,
(Name)
_____, **being of full age,**
(Address)

in consideration of the privileges hereinafter mentioned, do hereby release and forever discharge the State of Maryland and City of Greenbelt, their agencies, employees and their successors and assigns from all debts, claims, demands, damages, actions and causes of action whatsoever which I now have or may hereafter have and which may arise by reason of the privilege permitted me by the Chief of Police to become a passenger in a police vehicle. The undersigned understands and agrees for the consideration aforesaid, that he/she will not in any manner hinder or attempt to assist any law enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties, which may occur or ensue during the time he/she is accompanying an officer on his rounds.

Witnesseth that for the consideration aforementioned, the undersigned does hereby exonerate and covenant and to hold harmless the State of Maryland and City of Greenbelt, their agencies, employees, and their successors and assigns for any injury or damage resulting by reason of the privilege permitted me as hereinabove set forth.

In Witness, Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

(Ride Along Applicant)

My commission expires _____

(Notary Public)

Ride-Along Program Application

Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____
(Please print full name)

Address: _____

Name of School or
Employment: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Driver's License No./State _____ Expiration Date _____

Are you currently under doctor's care? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you currently taking any medication? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what kind? _____

Have you read and understood the guidelines for the ride? _____ Yes _____ No

State reason you wish to ride in a police car. _____

List three dates and the time of arrival that would be convenient for you to ride along:

1. Day/Date _____ Time _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

2. Day/Date _____ Time _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

3. Day/Date _____ Time _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Chief of Police

Approved _____

Rejected _____

**Ride-Along Information
Greenbelt City Police Department**

Application for Ride-Along Participants – keep this sheet for your records!

Complete the application and be sure to give three optional dates and the time of day which would be convenient for you to ride along. An officer's shift is 8.5 hours long. You may ride for an entire shift or you may depart anytime during those 8.5 hours.

Processing your application can take from two days to seven days. **Please contact the Office of the Chief of Police at 301/507-6500 to verify approval and the date and time of your ride-along.**

It is the policy of this Department that each participant be limited to one time only. Ride-along hours are 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. inclusive.

Guidelines for Ride-Along Participants

In order to facilitate this program, the following guidelines have been established. You are requested to:

Be appropriately attired in such a manner that will in no way reflect negatively upon you, the program or the Department. The following are examples of types of clothing which are not acceptable:

1. shorts, ripped/torn jeans or sweatpants
2. flip-flops
3. sweat shirts, t-shirts or tank tops

Arrange for transportation to and from police headquarters. You are encouraged to ask questions about police work. However, bear in mind your police partner cannot conceivably know about every even that has occurred.

In order to comply with Department Policies and Procedures, you MUST utilize the safety belts and other safety equipment at all times. Certain police calls are considered inherently dangerous and your police partner may respond to the call after dropping you off at a safe place. Wait for a pick-up police vehicle at the specific location at which you are dropped off if this becomes necessary.

DO NOT interfere in any way with the officer's handling of a situation; you may ask questions concerning a specific assignment after it has been completed and you have left the scene.

You may observe an event on your ride which could require your appearance in court as a witness.

A waiver of liability form (General Release) is attached and is required to be executed by yourself and notarized prior to a ride-along. In essence, it released Greenbelt City from liability for any injury or other disability you might sustain during the ride.

RETAIN THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION – COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND NOTARIZED GENERAL RELEASE TO:

**ATTN: Office of the Chief of Police
Greenbelt Police Department
550 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770**

To expedite your ride-along application, you may wish to personally bring it by the station. Be sure to call 301/507-6500 to confirm one of the ride-along dates that you provided on the form. The form cannot be e-mailed as your signature must be notarized.