



Carrboro Police Department



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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines in regard to a Civilian Ride-Along Program. Department personnel should be familiar with all below listed forms. Priority considerations should be given to the safety of the individual participating in the ride along.

II. PROCEDURES

The Carrboro Police Department will allow person(s) to ride along on patrol only when those person(s) meet the following criteria.

- A. The person(s) requesting to ride along will:
 1. Submit a Civilian Ride-Along Request Form, Ride-Along Program Rules / Assumption Of Risk And Indemnity Agreement Form. When possible, have the form submitted a week in advance.
 2. Persons under the age of 18 years of age will not be permitted to participate in the Ride-Along Program.
 3. Special requests related to underage participants can be made to the Chief of Police.
 4. The participant shall be dressed in professional attire and in no way dress in police/law enforcement clothing/regalia.
 5. A participant cannot be armed even if he/she has a concealed firearm permit. The officer will ensure this prior to them getting in the police vehicle.
 6. Participants will not follow officers into homes on calls or search warrants or businesses during alarm calls. Their role is to observe, not participate



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in, law enforcement matters.

7. Participants will not drive police vehicles.
 8. Officers will not engage in pursuits when with a civilian observer.
- B. When possible have the form submitted a week in advance.
1. Upon arrival, person(s) will complete and sign the Ride-Along Program Rules / Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement Form.
 2. All completed and signed forms must be forwarded to a patrol lieutenant before participation is permitted. **NOTE:** The request for a civilian ride along is not officially approved until the Patrol Division Commander has been made aware of the request and has obtained all the completed paperwork.
 3. A background check (AOC) will be run on participant prior to permission being granted for the ride along.
 4. Approved civilians that will ride along with a police officer **will not** ride with any family member. They may ride in the same crew, but not with the family member, of any relationship.
- C. Authorized command officers are Chief of Police, Patrol Captain, and Patrol Lieutenants.
- D. Exceptions to these rules will only be authorized by the Chief of Police. Law Enforcement Officers from other jurisdictions will follow the same procedures.