

WARRENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Ride along applicant:

1. You are welcome to apply for a ride-along, completing and signing both sides of this ride along request. You must be at least 16 year of age and have parental consent to ride with a police officer. Ride-along is limited to two per year. The Chief of Police may grant exceptions.
2. Present this form to the police secretary or an officer. Normally this should be done five days in advance of the ride along date. Please call the police department 24 hours in advance between 8:00a and 5:00p to confirm your ride-along. Please note: You should be aware that there is no expectation that your request will be honored and your ride-along may be cancelled at the last minute.
3. By your signature on the opposite side of this form, you understand that you will undergo a police records check and may be disqualified based upon your police record.
4. Your role in a ride-along is to:
 - a. Remain in or return to the police vehicle in dangerous or sensitive situations or as directed by the police officer.
 - b. Comply with all directions by a police officer.
 - c. Not operate any equipment, unless the officer's safety is an issue and you receive the officer's permission.
 - d. Be an observer. Do not become involved verbally or physically unless the officer's safety is an issue or you are directed to assist. The City of Warrenton will not be liable for a ride-along's unauthorized intervention.
5. You must be in civilian clothing (shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks and shoes. Sandals, inappropriate T-shirts, tank tops, and ripped or torn shorts/blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn in the police vehicle).
6. You shall not carry a firearm under any circumstances, even if you have a concealed weapons permit.
7. DPSST certified police officers must have permission from the Chief of Police to carry a firearm.
8. The personal safety of the officer and the Department's responsibility to the community will outweigh your desires at all times. Therefore, an officer may terminate your ride-along at any time, without explanation or advance notice. In addition, if an emergency occurs, you may be dropped off at the safest location. Every effort will be made to pick you up after the emergency has concluded.
9. Check the one that BEST describes you:
 Spouse Relative Citizen H.S. Student College Student Applicant
 Other: _____
10. L.E. Officer DPSST #: _____ Agency: _____
11. Reason for ride-along request: _____