



ATLANTIC BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

“The Dream don’t work, if the Team don’t work.”

RIDE ALONG APPLICATION AND WAIVER FORM

If participant is less than 18 years of age a parent/legal guardian must sign form prior to ride-along

I understand that I must complete this application truthfully to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that failure to provide truthful and complete answers may be grounds to deny my participation in this program. I also grant consent for the Atlantic Beach Police Department to complete a background check prior to being approved to participate in this program.

NAME _____

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE INITIAL

DATE OF BIRTH _____ - _____ - _____

DRIVER’S LICENSE NUMBER _____ STATE _____

HOME TELEPHONE (_____) _____ - _____ WORK (_____) _____ - _____

CELL PHONE (_____) _____ - _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____ HIGH SCHOOL _____

LIST ANY AND ALL PRIOR ARRESTS (If not applicable, indicate “N/A”)

REASON FOR RIDE-ALONG

By signing this document, I acknowledge that the opportunity to participate in the Atlantic Beach Police Department Ride-Along Program is a privilege and that the assigned officer, Chief of Police, or his designee can discontinue my participation in the ride-along program at any time.

DRESS CODE FOR RIDE-ALONG

Appropriate attire for a ride-along with the Atlantic Beach Police Department is “business casual.” Business casual is defined as “attire that is casual, yet appropriate for the workplace.” Clothing items that would be deemed inappropriate for a ride-along include shorts, tank tops, halter tops, flip flops, torn clothing etc... Persons presenting themselves at the police department for a ride-along that are not appropriately attired will be told to return when they have changed to clothing that meets the business casual standard.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

WITNESS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The purpose of this order is to set policy and procedures regarding the Atlantic Beach Police Department's Ride-Along program. The Atlantic Beach Police Department encourages civilians to participate in a Ride-Along with the Police Department to familiarize them with the daily operations of the Department.

The Ride-Along program guidelines are as follows:

- Participants in the program must be at least 18 years.
- Participants cannot be in the police officer hiring process or an applicant of the A.B.P.D. unless they are a lateral candidate.
- Participants will not be permitted to ride with an officer to whom they are a family or in a dating relationship.
- Media requests must be facilitated through the Chief of Police.
- Media requests for profit must first be facilitated through the Town of Atlantic and The Chief of Police.
- A Ride-Along can be scheduled for up to 8 hours in duration unless prior authorization has been granted for longer time period. Unless approved by The Chief of Police, only two Ride along within a six-month period is permitted.
- Participants may be required to show proper identification when they arrive for the Ride along.
- Participants must wear appropriate "business casual" attire and shall not wear clothing similar to uniforms worn by department members.
- Participants are to follow all directions given by any department employee.
- Participants cannot enter any private premise without officer approval AND consent from the owner/occupant.
- Participants may take notes during the Ride-Along. However, they shall not disclose the names of persons they observe or come into contact unless the participant is a member of the media AND receives consent from the individual(s).
- In the event that an officer has to respond to a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, the participant may be dropped off at a safe location away from the incident. If this occurs, the officer will provide instructions and may arrange for another police employee to pick up the participant.
- Participants may not carry or use any audio or video recording devices unless they have prior authorization. A cellular phone may be carried but shall not be used without an officer's permission.
- The Department may impose additional conditions or restrictions not listed above.

Procedures

Members receiving a request to participate in a Ride-Along shall provide the forms (Form 40) to Police Department. Member shall forward all completed forms through the chain of command to the Chief of Police. A copy of all approved requests shall be kept in the Chief office files.

Media Requests: All media requests shall be vetted through the Chief of Police and approved by the Chief of Police.

The Chief of Police have the authority to schedule the Ride-Along during days/times or night/times that will have minimal effect on police operations. In addition to the program guidelines listed above, officers conducting a Ride-Along shall adhere to the following:

- Prior to going on patrol, HCD shall be notified of the unit identifier with the Ride-Along.
- The officer has discretion to leave a Ride-Along at the station or drop him/her off at a safe location when responding to a call for service the officers believes poses an unreasonable risk. In the event the Ride-Along is left at a safe location, the officer shall make arrangements for the individual to be picked up and returned to the station.
- Officers shall not engage in any vehicle pursuits in the company of a Ride-Along.
- Officers shall not transport a prisoner in the company of a Ride-Along.
- Officers shall not allow a Ride-Along to enter a known crime scene.
- Unless receiving prior approval, an officer shall not allow a Ride-Along to be present for the booking process at county jail or a mental health detention at the hospital.