

Ride-Along Program Application

# Ride-Along Program Eligibility & Application Procedure

Program Eligibility

Applicants for the ride along program must meet one of the following criteria to participate in the program:

- 1. Currently reside within the City of Fridley.
- 2. Be a member of a civic organization located within the City of Fridley.
- 3. Be employed by the City of Fridley in a position that would be facilitated by knowledge of departmental procedures and functions.
- 4. Be a police employee applicant with the City of Fridley Police Department
- 5. Be employed in the public safety field with a City, County, State or Federal department or agency.
- 6. Be enrolled as a student in an accredited law enforcement program or related field of study.
- 7. Be a law enforcement explorer scout with the City of Fridley Police Department.
- 8. Be a member of the family of an employee of this department.
- 9. Demonstrate a special interest for participation that would benefit the police department, city government, or its citizens. Prior approval of Patrol Captain required.

## Application Procedure

## **Adult Applicants**

- Applicants must complete a Ride-Along Program application and submit the completed application to the police department at least five (5) business days prior to the expected Ride-Along date.
- Do NOT sign the Waiver Section of the application. You will be required to sign this section in the presence of a police officer when you report for your Ride-Along.
- You must have your driver's license or other valid photo identification with you when you report for your Ride-Along.

## Juvenile Applicants

- You must be at least 16 years of age to participate in this program (14 years of age for law enforcement explorer scouts of the Fridley police department).
- Follow all application instructions and have your parent/guardian sign the Waiver Section on Page 5 prior to submitting the application. The Ride-Along Coordinator will call your parent/guardian to verify their approval of your Ride-
- When you arrive for your Ride-Along you will be asked to sign the Waiver Section in the presence of an officer.

Once you have completed ALL sections, return the entire application packet to: Fridley Police Department, 6431 University Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432 If you have any questions please call 763.572.3629.

### RIDE- ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION

To the Ride-Along Applicant:

You are required to complete this application form after reading the rules and regulations on page 4 of the application packet. By signing this application you acknowledge that you have read, understand and are willing to comply with these rules and regulations. You will be required to sign the Waiver Section on Page 5 in the presence of a police officer when you report for your Ride-Along.

If you are under age 18 years of age, your parent or guardian must cosign this page of the application indicating they too have read, understand and agree with the conditions placed on your participation in this program. Your parent/guardian also needs to sign the Waiver Section on Page 5 prior to turning the application into the department. Your parent/guardian will be telephoned prior to your Ride-Along to verify their approval. You will have to sign the Waiver Section on Page 5 in the presence of a police officer when you report for your Ride-Along.

No application will be processed unless all the required information is provided and you have signed the bottom of this page. Once your application has been processed you will be contacted prior to your requested Ride-Along date by telephone or by e-mail and informed if your application has been approved. All telephone notifications will be made to the telephone number indicated by you on a weekday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This is a voluntary program conducted in the interest of public enlightenment. The Police Department reserves the right to limit or exclude any person from participation in this program when it is deemed by the Department that the person's participation would not be in the best interest of the police department, of any of its individual members, or the public, or when it might reasonably be construed that a conflict of interest may exist between the applicant and the police department or its mission.

FULL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH					
HOME ADDRESS – IF STUDENT, LOCAL ADDRESS	HOME (LOCAL) PHONE NUMBER					
CIVIC ORGANIZATION, CITY BUSINESS, PUBLIC SAFETY	WORK PHONE NUMBER					
USING THE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY LIST FROM PAGE 2 OF THE APPLICATION, INDICATE YOUR ELIGIBILITY GROUP NUMBER IN THE BOX TO THE RIGHT	REASON YOU REG	QUEST TO RIDE				
DATE YOU REQUEST TO RIDE	HOURS OF RIDE REQUE	STED (4 HOURS ONLY)	SPECIFIC OFFICER YOU WANT TO RIDE WITH?			
PREVIOUS RIDE WITH THIS DEPT?	NUMBER OF RIDES	DATE OF LAST RIDE	EVER BEEN REFUSED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM?			
☐ YES ☐ NO [Generally, you are limited to 2 rides per calendar year]			☐ YES	□ NO (If YES, contact Patrol Captain)		
ARE YOU CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN ANY POTENTIAL LEGAL PROCESS ARISING FROM ANY TRAFFIC OR CRIMINAL MATTER AS A DEFENDANT, PLAINTIFF, OR WITNESS?						
WHO MAY WE CONTACT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY?		RELATIONSHIP		PHONE		
I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:						
YOUR SIGNATURE			·	DATE		
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (FOR PERSONS	UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE	<del>-</del> )		DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER		

## RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. On the date of your Ride-Along you must report to the City of Fridley Police Department at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled Ride-Along time.
- 2. You must bring your driver's license or other photo identification with you when you report for your Ride-Along. Juveniles who report with their parent/guardian do not have to bring such identification; only their parent/guardian needs identification.
- 3. Attire is casual business. No shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, jeans or sandals. Men's shirts must have collars. Shoes are required. Make sure you bring appropriate outerwear based on weather and temperature.
- 4. The shift supervisor or Patrol Captain will designate with whom you will ride.
- 5. The shift supervisor may terminate your Ride-Along at any time if in their opinion your continued participation presents an undue risk, or your conduct, deportment or sobriety is such that your continued participation is not in the best interests of the department. A complete report will be forwarded to the Patrol Captain of the reasons for termination.
- 6. Extensions of Ride-Along time limits may only be made with the approval of the shift supervisor.
- 7. You are prohibited from carrying with you during the Ride-Along any flashlight, camera, any type of radio, tape recorder or player, binoculars, or any similar device. With the exception of off-duty licensed police officers, participants, including holders of carry permits, are prohibited from carrying any weapon, personal chemical protection device, or restraining device of any kind.
- 8. Participants are observers. You will not exit the police vehicle during any police activity unless directed to do so by a police officer. You will refrain from direct involvement in police functions or conversation with violators, suspects, arrestees, witnesses, complainants, or other members of the public encountered during the course of the official duties of the police officer with whom you are riding.
- 9. You may be asked to temporarily interrupt your Ride-Along during hazardous or unusual circumstances. You will immediately comply with such requests and otherwise obey the directions of the police officer with whom you are riding.

I have read and understand the above rules and regulations.

Signature	

### WAIVER OF CIVIL LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the City of Fridley Police Department of Fridley, Minnesota (hereinafter "Police Department") granting me permission to accompany a member of the Police Department as an observer in the Ride-Along Program, I hereby waive any and all rights and claims of liability for damages, losses, personal injuries or death which I might suffer, sustain or cause while participating in the Ride-Along Program. I further waive any and all claims, demands, actions, damages, or suits at law or equity of whatever nature which I have or may hereafter acquire against the City of Fridley, its Police Department, its elected officials, officers, agents or employees, as a result of my voluntary participation in the Ride-Along Program; and I hereby hold harmless such persons and entities. In the event that a demand or claim, whether groundless or otherwise, is made against the entities and or persons set forth herein, I agree to indemnify those persons and/or entities for all damages, attorney fees and costs incurred in defending said demand or claim.

I further agree to comply with all rules and regulations of the Ride-Along Program and any instructions or orders issued by members of the Police Department in connection with the Ride-Along Program. I certify that I am aware of the potential risk involved in accompanying a Police Officer during the performance of his duties.

#### \* \* \* DO NOT SIGN THIS WAIVER NOW \* \* \*

You will be required to sign the Waiver in the presence of a police officer when you report for your Ride-Along. Please ensure you have your driver's license or other form of photo identification with you when you report for your Ride-Along.

I hereby acknowledge that I fully understand the consequences of this waiver and that it is a voluntary and intelligent act on my part.

Signature	Printed Name	Date	
Identification Verific	ed and Signature Witnessed by:		
		Officer	
	IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF A	GE	
THE BELOW SEC	tion must be completed <u>prior</u> to sub <i>i</i>	MITTING APPLICATION	
to participate in the	al guardian of Ride-Along Program of the City of F ssion for this Ride-Along and agree to ation.	Fridley Police Department. I	
Signature	Printed Name	Date	
Davtime	Phone Number:		

# DO NOT WRITE ON THIS PAGE - FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

TO:	Shift Supervisor							
RE:	Ride-Along applicant							
RE:	F	Police Officer						
The above named approgram 🗆 with the ab								
Both the Patrol Cap	tain and the Shift Supe	ervisor must ap	prove app	olications:				
Patrol Captain		_ Appro	oval	Denial				
Shift Supervisor		_ Appro	oval	Denial				
If the Ride-Along ap program, the Shift Supe arrange or verify the d	ervisor or Officer assig	ned should co						
If the Ride-Along app program indicate the r			ate in the	; Ride-Along				
	CATION OF PROGR	AM PARTICIP	ATION					
The above named Ride	e-Along participant:							
☐ Rode with officer		from	to	hours.				
☐ Cancelled or Did	Not Appear (Circle On	e) for the sche	eduled Ric	le-Along.				
☐ Had their Ride-Alon	g terminated. State r	eason of termi	nation:					

Upon completion, return form to the Patrol Captain.