



Police Services Contra Costa Community College District

Ride-Along Program

Eligibility

The District Police Services Ride-Along Program is offered to students, faculty, staff, and citizens. Every attempt will be made to accommodate interested persons; however, any applicant may be disqualified without cause.

The following factors may be considered in disqualifying an applicant and are not limited to:

- Being under the age of 18, unless affiliated with a college program
- Prior criminal history
- Pending criminal action
- Denial by any supervisor

Availability

The Ride-Along Program is available on most days of the week. Generally a ride-along will be conducted between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00pm. The length of the ride-along will be determined by the Watch Commander or the Supervising Officer, and not exceed a four hour maximum. Generally a ride-along will not be allowed when there is only one officer on duty.

Procedure to Request a Ride-Along

The participant will complete a ride-along request and waiver form. Information requested will include a valid ID or California Driver's License, address, and telephone number. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be present to complete the ride-along form.

Program Requirements

Once approved, civilian ride-alongs will be allowed to ride no more than once every six months. The Chief or Watch Commander may grant an exception.

An effort will be made to ensure that no more than one citizen will participate in a ride-along at each campus during any given period. Normally, no more than one ride-along will be allowed in the officer's vehicle at a given time.

Suitable Attire

Any person approved to ride-along is required to be suitably dressed in a collared shirt, blouse, jacket, or sweater, slacks or "khaki" style pants, and shoes. Sandals, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn in the police vehicle. The Watch Commander or Supervising Officer may refuse a ride-along to anyone not properly dressed.

Peace Officer Ride-Along

Off duty members of this department or any other law enforcement agency will not be permitted to ride-along with on duty officers without the expressed consent of the on duty watch commander. In the event that such a ride-along is permitted, the off duty employee shall not be considered on duty and shall not represent themselves as a peace officer or participate in any law enforcement activity except as emergency circumstances may require.

Important Information

This information is important for the Ride-Along participant to be aware of before the participant rides.

- The Ride-Along participant will follow the direction of the officer.
- The Ride-Along participant will not become involved in any investigation, handling of evidence, discussions with victims or suspects, or handling any police equipment.
- The Ride-Along participant may terminate the ride at any time.
- The Supervising Officer may return the observer to the station if the ride-along participant interferes with the performance of the officer's duties.
- Ride-Along participant may be allowed to continue riding during the transportation and booking process provided this does not jeopardize their safety.
- Officers will not allow any ride-along participant to be present in any situations that would jeopardize their safety or cause undue stress or embarrassment to a victim or any other citizen.

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Ride-Along Request

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Driver's License #: _____

Position within the District or Campus currently attending:

Person To Notify In Case Of Emergency

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work/Cell Phone: _____

Have you previously participated in a ride-along with this Department?
(Circle one) YES / NO

If YES, indicate the date and campus of your last ride-along: _____

Reason for ride-along request: _____

Desired Campus for ride-along: _____

Desired Date/Time: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

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Police Department Use Only

Record Check Completed: By: _____ Date: _____

Date Waiver Signed: _____

Approved / Denied: By: _____ Date: _____

Date Assigned To Ride: _____ Time: _____

Campus Assigned: _____ Officer Assigned: _____

To Be Completed By Officer

Advisement
To Be Given Prior To Start Of Ride-Along

Police work is inherently dangerous. As a rider you may be exposed to extremely hazardous and violent situations. Police officers have been victims of violence leading to injury and even death. Please keep in mind that you could also be subject to injury or possibly death while participating in the program.

Advisement Given By: _____

Officer Comments: _____

Hours Of Ride-Along: From: _____ To: _____ Total: _____

***** Officer must complete the form and turn it in to the Watch Commander after the ride-along is completed.**

Ride-Along Program

Waiver Of Liability

I, _____, understand that my participation in the Contra Costa Community College District Police Services' Ride-Along Program ("the Program") may subject me to certain inherent hazards associated with riding in police vehicles and observing police operations, including but not limited to vehicular collisions, gun fire, and other injurious contact with criminal subjects and the public. I further understand that the police vehicles are, on occasion, driven at high rates of speed and under conditions which may cause a high degree of stress to a passenger.

Understanding the above, in consideration for being permitted to accompany District Police Officers as they perform their duties and to ride in District Police vehicles, I hereby agree that the Contra Costa Community College District, its officers, employees, and agents (collectively, "these parties") are not responsible in any way for injuries and/or damages which I may suffer or sustain in the course of my participation in the program. Accordingly, on behalf of myself, my descendants, dependents, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, I agree to hold these parties harmless and voluntarily waive any rights I may have to pursue any legal action against these parties for any injury or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, including death, which I may suffer or sustain during my participation in the Program.

I agree to abide and accept the rules and regulations set by the Contra Costa Community College District Police Services Department, particularly confidentiality of information heard or received while participating in this program.

Date: _____ By: _____

[The following must be completed by a parent or legal guardian if the applicant for participation in the Program is less than 18 years of age.]

I, _____, certify that I am the parent of legal guardian of _____ . I have read and understand the foregoing "Waiver of Liability". I hereby consent to my child's participation in the Program and by my signature below likewise agree to hold harmless the District, its officers, employees, and agents and voluntarily waive any rights I may have to pursue any legal action against these parties for any injury or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, including death, arising out of or related to my child's participation in the Program.

Date: _____ By: _____

