

## **Dresden Police Department Ride Along Program**

Persons interested in riding with an officer must fill out an application. Applications can be picked up in City Hall or printed from our website: [cityofdresden.com](http://cityofdresden.com). Applicants must apply in person at Dresden City Hall.

All applicants must be at least 18 years old.

All applicants shall provide the department with their date of birth and driver's license or a valid photo ID.

All applicants will have a criminal history check for officer safety.

If an officer has knowledge of an individual which shows the person to be unsuitable for participation, he should notify the Chief of Police.

Selected participants will ride along with an officer of Dresden Police Department that has 2 + years law enforcement experience.

Chief will decide who qualifies based on applications.

Chief will decide times for ride along and which officer the participant shall ride along with.

Participants are granted **no more than 4 hours per ride along** and may only do so **once every 6 months**. All participants must wear civilian clothes when participating in the ride-along program.

**Participants** are authorized to ride in patrol vehicles in a **passenger/observer capacity only**.

In order to comply with department policies, you **MUST** utilize the safety belts in the police vehicle.

**Participants are not permitted to take any law enforcement action, assist in conducting investigations, or perform any law enforcement task or function.**

Participants are not permitted to operate department vehicles, handle or possess firearms, mace, or other weapons, or use any department equipment, except that they may use the communication system in the event of an extreme emergency.

If a situation arises that would expose the participant to undue danger, the officer will exercise discretion and may temporarily leave the passenger at a suitable location while responding to a call. For the purpose of the ride along program, any convenience store in the city limits is considered a suitable location. Due to this fact, approved ride along times will be during open hours of convenience stores.

The Department reserves the right to reject any request for participation in the ride-along program if it does not appear to be in the best interest of the Department without explanation.

Selected participants shall follow officer orders at all times for the safety of the participant and officer. Each participant is under the complete control of the officer to whom he/she is assigned. If an officer has problems with a rider, he may return the rider to the Police Department and explain the circumstances to his supervisor. The supervisor will forward the information to the Chief of Police who will decide whether to allow that individual to ride in the future.

**Dresden Police Department**  
**Ride Along Program Application**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (All applicants must be 18 years old or older)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of any criminal violation ? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**All applicants will be subject to a criminal history for officer's safety.**

Date and time applicant request to Ride Along: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

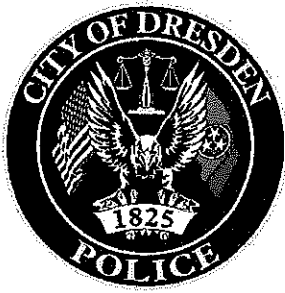
Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason you wish to ride along: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**If selected, participant will stay in patrol car at all times and follow officer orders. Officer can terminate ride along at any time due to participant not following orders.**



## Dresden Police Department

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### *Waiver*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, desiring to "Ride Along" with an officer of the Dresden Police Department for the purpose of training and observation, hereby waive any and all claims for liability for any and all injuries that may be sustained during this period of time.

By affixing my signature to this document, I agree to abide by any and all instructions given to me by the officer of the Dresden Police Department. I further agree to hold blameless the City of Dresden, the Dresden Police Department and /or any member of the Dresden Police Department for any and all injuries sustained during any and all activities or for whatever reason, during the period of time I am participating in the "Ride Along" with the Dresden Police Department.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Time Period:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Shift: \_\_\_\_\_