



Applications can be e-mailed to police@odu.edu, or returned to the ODUPD' main police facility.

Police Headquarters
4516 Monarch Way
Norfolk, VA 23508

Name (Last, First, Middle):
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Date of Birth:
Social Security Number:
Phone #:
E-Mail Address:
Race:
Sex:
Date of Applicant's Last Ride Along:
Emergency Contact Name:
Relationship:
Phone #:

Ride Along Participants are required to wear body armor during the ride along, provided by the Department.

Select your ride along preferences:

Table with 4 columns: Campus, Shift Type, Shift Time. Rows include Main Norfolk Campus (Day/Night Shifts) and VHS Campus (Day/Evening/Night Shifts).

- Program participants must show up at least 15 minutes prior to the shift's starting time and provide a photo ID to the on-duty shift supervisor.
Participants will present a neat and clean appearance. Business casual attire is expected.
Participants may discuss how long they want to ride along with the assigned officer when they arrive.

Your signature authorizes the Department to conduct a criminal record check. If approved for participation, you will need to sign an assumption of risk and waiver of liability. This form is available at police headquarters.

Print applicant's name:
Applicant's signature:
Date:

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Record Check Status:

NCIC/VCIN: [] Negative [] Positive [] History on File
LINX: [] Negative [] Positive [] History on File
LOCAL/IBR: [] Negative [] Positive [] History on File

On, this application was:

[] Approved: please contact at to schedule your ride along.

[] Declined

Command Signature:

Comments:

1 Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

2 A criminal record check will be conducted. Please allow at least two weeks for the application to be processed. The results of the criminal record check and the recommendations of the Patrol Shift Commander will determine the applicant's eligibility to participate in the program.

Rules of Conduct

1. You will be assigned to ride with an ODUPD police officer (host officer). Requests for assignment with a specific officer will be at the discretion of the on-duty supervisor. You must have your photo identification with you at the time you ride with the officer.
2. You shall not carry any weapon of any kind while participating in the program.
3. You will be required to present a neat and clean appearance, and wear business casual, weather appropriate attire. If your attire is inappropriate, you will be sent home and the ride along may be rescheduled.
4. You will be provided with body armor before your ride along begins. Wearing body armor is a requirement for the ride along to take place/continue. You are required to wear this vest for the period of your ride along, and will be required to relinquish this item at the conclusion of your ride along.
5. Your host officer will be happy to discuss police duties and responsibilities insofar as time permits.
6. You are not to leave the patrol car at the scene of any police activity without first obtaining permission from the host officer. Should an emergency or unsafe conditions arise, the host officer has the final authority to direct you to stay inside the vehicle or allow you to leave, if circumstances permit.
7. You may NOT use cameras or tape recorders while riding due to the possible conflicts with evidence collection.
8. The duration of the ride is decided between the participant and the host officer, however the host officer may end the ride along at any time.
9. At the discretion of the host officer or their chain of command and as time permits, another vehicle may be called to pick you up, if one is available. Likewise, you may request to exit the vehicle. Please be prepared in the event you must or choose to provide for your own transportation. You must immediately and without question comply with any order or directions given to you by the officer, as it is for your own safety.
10. Program participants are limited to one ride along within a six-month period and no more than two within a calendar year.
11. Law enforcement is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity, and the police department, and its employees and agents of the university, including police officers whom you accompany, are not insurers of your safety. You must read, agree to, and endorse the Assumption of Risk and Waiver Liability.

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability:

I acknowledge that law enforcement is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity, and that the University and its employees and agents, including police officers whom I accompany, are not insurers of my safety. I realize that as an inherent condition of this program, I may, at unpredictable times, be placed in foreseeable and/or unforeseeable positions of considerable danger. I further acknowledge and accept the risks of my decision to accompany one or more police officers during their work, which may include unexpected events and occurrences, and dangerous and serious risks, including but not limited to: emergency or high speed pursuits, confrontations with violent and/or armed citizens, being verbally abused, being involved in a traffic accident, being shot, being taken hostage, being sprayed with OC or Pepper Gas, being beaten, being bitten, being cut or stuck by a sharp weapon, and/or being killed. I understand that police duties may involve emergencies or danger that cannot be avoided. At the discretion of the officer or the officer's chain of command, I may be temporarily left alone without supervision or protection. I am aware that in riding along, I have assumed the risk of becoming injured or killed. With full knowledge of the above, I hereby voluntarily assume all risk of loss, damage, and injury to me and my property, including death, which may be sustained while I am a passenger in any state vehicle, including any police department vehicle, or which is incidental to my accompanying one or more Old Dominion University Police officers while on-duty, either inside or outside of any vehicle, building, or structure, or at any other place or location.

This acknowledgment and assumption of risk form shall be in full force and effect on the date hereof, and on any occasion when I may hereafter accompany any officer or officers of the Old Dominion University Police Department, and shall be binding upon me and my heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. I also acknowledge by my signature that I have read and understand the Department Ride Along Program Rules of Conduct.

Dated this _____ day of _____.

Print participants' name:

Sign participants' name:

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