

Eau Claire Police Department

Ride-Along Guidelines

PLEASE READ AND KEEP THIS FORM

1. The participant shall be at least 16 years old. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent/guardian shall sign the Ride-Along Application and Liability Waiver.
2. No person shall be allowed to ride without having submitted a signed Ride-a-long Application and Liability Waiver. Refusal to complete this form, or false statements of any nature on same, will disqualify that person from participation in the program.
3. As part of this program, the participant agrees to undergo a comprehensive police records check. If a participant has a criminal record, a supervisor will make the determination if the ride-along will occur.
4. Participants are only permitted to ride once in a calendar year, unless a special project calls for more time to be spent in squad cars. Any such projects shall be cleared through the Special Services Bureau Lieutenant.
5. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The citizens of Eau Claire have a right to privacy. Any and all information pertaining to police records, police stops or other privileged material is to be kept strictly confidential. The release of criminal information to the public could conceivably be considered a felony. Adult arrest records are public information, but juvenile contacts/arrests are not.
6. The participant shall not carry, have access to, or use cell phones or electronic recording devices such as voice recorders, cameras, etc., without prior approval.
7. The participant shall be neat and clean and must wear appropriate clothing. There shall be no controversial insignias or symbols on the person or clothing. If the officer finds that the participant's clothing does not represent the professionalism of the organization, he/she may ask the participant to reschedule the ride-along.
8. Participants are considered an observer only and shall obey the orders and instructions given by the officer to whom they are assigned.
9. Participants shall not leave the patrol vehicle unless instructed to do so by the officer.
10. The personal safety of the officer and the Department's responsibilities to the community will be considered at all times. Therefore, an officer may terminate the ride-along at any time, without explanation or advance notice. In addition, if emergency circumstances dictate, the participant may be dropped off at a safe location.
11. By signing the Ride-Along Application and Liability Waiver, the participant agrees to the guidelines listed above.

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Ride-Along Application and Liability Waiver

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED INFORMATION

FULL LEGAL NAME: _____
(full first, middle, and last name)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____ SEX: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street City , State Zip Code

PHONE NUMBER: _____
Home Work Cell

DRIVERS LICENSE # AND STATE OF ISSUE: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT/SCHOOL: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby request permission to ride in a police vehicle of the City of Eau Claire, at such times and in such areas as may be approved by the Chief of Police or his designated representative. I understand that the police vehicle will be engaged in normal police patrol and law enforcement activities, some of which may be dangerous and expose passengers to risk or harm. I acknowledge this risk of harm and voluntarily accept it and hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the City of Eau Claire, the Eau Claire Police Department, the individual officers, agents and employees from any and all types of claims, actions or expenses arising out of my participation in this program. I give permission to have my background checked for criminal history. I agree to the guidelines of the Ride-Along Program.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

PERMISSION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (if applicant is under eighteen (18) years of age)
I, the undersigned, being the parent/guardian of _____ hereby join with him/her in requesting permission for him/her to ride in a police vehicle of aforesaid and do join with him/her in granting a release and discharge to the City of Eau Claire, the Eau Claire Police Department, the individual officers and employees of the City of Eau Claire, as set out in detail above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

----- FOR OFFICE USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE -----

Records Check Completed: Y/N Date of Ride: _____

Permission is hereby granted/denied to the person named above, and whose signature is affixed above, to be a participant in the Eau Claire Police Department Ride-Along Program.

Signature of authorized officer/personnel Date