

RIDE ALONG PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The following guidelines have been established to make the program both safe and rewarding.

- Participants must be at least 16 years of age
- A waiver must be signed in person at the Bloomsburg Police Department. All waiver the witnessing officer or department employee must initial forms. If under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign in person.
- Participants may ride a maximum of six hours. Do not report for a ride if the date and time have not been verified.
- A records check may be made on the ride along candidate. If cleared, the ride along candidate will be contacted and an appointment made for a date and time to ride along.
- Proper attire is required. The candidate should dress neatly, cleanly, and conservatively. The shift sergeant or officer in charge may cancel a ride if inappropriate attire reflects negatively in any way upon the program or department.
- Participants must be prompt in reporting to the shift sergeant or officer in charge for officer and car assignment.
- Participants are not permitted to leave the police car at anytime unless instructed to do so by assigned officer.
- Participants are not permitted to handle any of the Department equipment except in an emergency.
- Participants must wear their seatbelts whenever the vehicle is in motion.
- No alcoholic beverages or drugs are to be consumed prior to the ride. The smell of alcoholic beverages or marijuana, etc., on the breath will prohibit one from riding.
- Cameras and recording devices will not be permitted.
- No firearms or other weapons may be carried during the ride along.
- Participants may terminate their ride by requesting to be returned to the station at the next convenient opportunity.

- Officers dispatched to a dangerous call for service will immediately find a safe location and drop off participant and make appropriate arrangements to have the participant picked up.
- Only one participant may ride in a car at a time, and only two participants may be scheduled per shift.
- Participants shall not interfere in any way with an officer's investigation of any situation. Riders are encouraged to ask questions concerning an incident after the officer has cleared the scene.
- Participants may be called to court as a witness for any events they observe.
- Officers have the right to return a participant to the station for inappropriate behavior. The shift sergeant or officer in charge will review the incident and determine if the ride is to be terminated or the participant reassigned to a different officer.
- The Chief of police has the option of limiting or canceling the ride along program as dictated by the needs of their command such as special events or personnel shortages. Whenever possible, 24 hours notice will be given to any scheduled participants.
- Ride alongs are permitted 0800 hours to 2400 hours only.

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: _____ AGE: _____ DOB: _____
(Please Print Full Name)

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL OR
EMPLOYMENT: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

DRIVERS LICENSE NO. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Are you currently under doctor's care? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you currently taking any medication? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what kind? _____

Have you read and understood the guidelines for the ride? _____ Yes _____ No
(Bring waiver with completed application)

Have you completed and do you understand the waiver form? _____ Yes _____ No

State reason you wish to ride in a police car. _____

List three dates and the time of arrival that would be convenient for you to ride along:

1. Day / Date _____ Time _____ a.m. ___ p.m. ___

2. Day / Date _____ Time _____ a.m. ___ p.m. ___

3. Day / Date _____ Time _____ a.m. ___ p.m. ___

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

(Chief of Police)

APPROVED _____
REJECTED _____