

ROCKY MOUNT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ride-Along Program

Rules of Conduct

The **PARTICIPANT** shall wear business casual attire. The casual attire shall include dress slacks, shirts, casual button front shirt, polo style, sweaters, or turtleneck. Footwear shall include loafers, boots, flat-low heeled shoes, or leather deck shoes. Athletic shoes, sweats, jeans, warm ups, form fitting pants, stretch pants and t-shirts are not permitted. The participant shall be neatly attired and groomed or will not be permitted to participate in the Ride-Along Program.

The **PARTICIPANT** shall not be under the influence of any illegal drug or alcohol while participating in the Ride-Along Program.

The **PARTICIPANT** should not participate in the Ride-Along Program if under a doctor-prescribed medication that induces sleep or otherwise alters alertness. The Ride-Along may be rescheduled.

The **PARTICIPANT** should not participate in the Ride-Along Program if feeling under the weather or is suffering from a physical condition (i.e. pregnancy, heart condition) that may be exacerbated if placed under stressful circumstances. The Ride-Along may be rescheduled.

The **PARTICIPANT** shall be under the command of the assigned officer, and shall comply with all instructions given by the officer.

Cameras, recording devices, and weapons are strictly forbidden on the Ride-Along.

The **PARTICIPANT** shall not interfere with officers while in the performance of their duties. If at all possible, the **PARTICIPANT** is to avoid becoming directly involved in any physical altercations or arrest situations unless given a specific order by a police officer.

The **PARTICIPANT** is to respect the privacy of any suspect, defendant, or victim that is encountered during the Ride-Along, and to respect the confidentiality of the sensitive information that may be disclosed during the Ride-Along. Dialogue with suspects, defendants, or victims are discouraged, unless instructed to do so by the assigned officer.

The **PARTICIPANT** shall remain inside the police car, unless otherwise instructed by the assigned officer.

The **PARTICIPANT** who violates any of the Rules of Conduct may, at the discretion of the assigned officer, be returned to Police Headquarters.

The **PARTICIPANT** will be required to complete a written evaluation of the Ride-Along Program experience at the conclusion of the tour of duty.

Keep this form for your records. DO NOT return this form with your application and waiver forms. These rules will be reviewed with you prior to leaving Police Headquarters for your Ride-Along. If you have any questions or need clarification of any of these rules, please bring it to the attention of the Shift Commander or the assigned officer.