



BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Application for Citizen Ride-Along

The undersigned attests he/she has read completely and understands the City of Bainbridge Island Police Department Citizen Ride-Along policy and application, and agrees to abide fully by all the regulations described therein. The undersigned also understands that pursuant to qualifying the applicant for the Ride-Along program, a standard records check will be completed, and any negative information discovered thereby, including, but not limited to warrants and probationary supervision, or criminal history, shall be deemed disqualifying the applicant from riding. Final approval shall be made by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

Full Name (print): _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____
_____ Phone (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Address: _____
_____ Phone (_____) _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State of Issue: _____

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Records/Warrant Check: WACIC NCIC DOL DOC

Clear All: Yes No

Comments: _____

Check Performed by: _____ Date: _____

Lt. Approve/Deny: _____ Date: _____

Chief Approve/Deny: _____ Date: _____

Officer Assigned: _____ Shift: _____



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Waiver for Citizen Ride-Along

Full Name (print): _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Previous Rider: () Yes () No

Reason for request: _____

Request for Permission, Assumption of Risks and Waiver

I, _____, hereby request permission to ride in a vehicle owned by the city as a guest of the Bainbridge Island Police Department to permit my observation of police work. No payment has been requested, given, or will be given to the Bainbridge Island Police Department or its agents should permission be granted. I further understand that should permission be granted, I will be observing police work totally at my own risk, and I am willing to assume all risks involved, including the risk of serious injury or death. I also understand that if there is a high risk situation, I may be requested to exit the vehicle – regardless of time of day or location – and I am willing to assume all responsibility for my transportation back to the Bainbridge Island Police Department or to my residence and for any and all harm that may befall me once I exit from the Bainbridge Island Police Department vehicle.

Waiver of Legal Liability

In consideration for granting my request to ride and observe, and being fully aware of the risks involved, I hereby waive any and all legal rights I have or may have in the future to bring any claim or lawsuit against the City of Bainbridge Island and its Police Department, individual officers, or any other employees, officers, or agents of the city arising out of or connected with observing the activities of the Bainbridge Island Police Department. No persons under the age of 18 may participate in the Citizen Ride-Along program without written authorization by the parents/guardians.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian if applicant is under 18 years old)

Witnessed: _____ Date: _____



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Policy and Regulations for Citizen Ride-Along

1. All applicants to the program shall read completely and sign the Citizen Ride-Along policy and application, including the liability waiver.
2. Civilian riders are observers only and shall not, under any circumstances, become involved either verbally or physically in the calls to which the officer with whom they are riding responds. If you have any questions regarding a call at which you were present, ask the officer when the situation is over and you and the officer have left the scene.
3. As a civilian rider, you must follow all the directions the officer(s) give you.
4. Civilian riders shall not, under any circumstances, have weapons of any type in their possession while participating in the Citizen Ride-Along program. This provision shall not apply to riders who are full time, commissioned law enforcement officers from another Washington State jurisdiction, as statewide interjurisdictional agreements are in place.
5. Riders are expected to be properly attired. T-shirts, sweats, shorts, etc., are not permitted.
6. Civilian riders are responsible for their own meal expenses.
7. Riders will not be allowed to respond to potentially dangerous calls or hazardous situations. If necessary, the rider may be dropped off at the safest nearby location and will be picked up again as soon as possible. The officer shall notify CenCom when a rider is dropped off and where the person is. It is the responsibility of the shift supervisor to ensure the rider is picked up.
8. If any rider fails to adhere to the conditions of the Citizen Ride-Along program, or if the officer believes the rider's presence or actions are impeding the performance of assigned duties, the officer has the authority and duty to terminate the ride-along and return the rider to the police department.
9. Civilian riders are not permitted to have in their possession any recording equipment, including cameras and cell phone cameras, except when given written permission by the Chief of Police.



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Citizen Ride-Along Orientation Check Sheet

In order to more fully defend the City of Bainbridge Island in potential litigation, the following is to be completed at the police department prior to the time of the ride. If the rider is under 18 years of age, the child's parent/guardian must complete this form.

Officer		Rider	
Initials	Initials		
1.	The rider has been instructed to obey all commands given by the officer.	_____	_____
2.	The rider has been instructed to remain with the patrol vehicle unless otherwise directed by the officer.	_____	_____
3.	The rider has been instructed to wear the seat belt and shoulder restraint at all times the vehicle is moving.	_____	_____
4.	The rider has been informed that if the officer is requested to respond to any potentially dangerous situation, the rider may be let out prior to arrival at the situation. Possible locations have been discussed with the rider.	_____	_____
5.	The rider has been instructed not to engage in any conversation with violators or prisoners, other than general courtesies.	_____	_____
6.	The rider has been informed that the officer may terminate the ride, at the officer's discretion, at any time.	_____	_____
7.	The Citizen Ride-Along Agreement form is signed by the rider or parent or legal guardian.	_____	_____
8.	The officer has advised CenCom that a rider is in the vehicle and the expected length of the ride.	_____	_____

Officer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian if rider is under 18 years old)

Expected hours of the ride: _____ Date: _____