

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

1. Representatives normally include members of a business or civic group, applicants for the position of Police Officer in Roanoke County, or are sponsored by a Roanoke County police officer.
2. Eighteen (18) years of age or older. If applicant is under 18 years of age, permission is necessary from legal guardian.
3. No participation in the program within the past twelve months, unless an applicant for police officer with the Roanoke County Police Department.
4. Participants are required to dress in proper attire.
5. Follow all instructions by the officer during the program. No interference with the performance of the officer shall be permitted.
6. The Citizen Observer Program shall be conducted at times that are convenient to the operations of the Police Department.
7. A supervisory officer may terminate the program at any time during participation.
8. Participants are required to conduct themselves in a mature, professional manner at all times.
9. The citizen observer shall not be armed.
10. Participants who are asked to identify themselves while riding should explain that they are a citizen observer.
11. Video, audio, and/or photographic recording by any means by a participant during a ride-along is not permitted. Failing to comply with this instruction is cause for immediate termination of the ride-along and will serve as cause for requests for future ride-alongs by the participant to be denied. The officer reserves the right to require the participant to turn off any electronic devices during the ride-along.

I certify that I understand the requirements and responsibilities of participants in this program; and that I am aware of the potential risk involved with accompanying an officer during the performance of his/her duties. In consideration of the Roanoke County Police Department granting permission to enter in or upon any premises or vehicles which are under its actual care of constructive or passive control, I hereby waive all claims to damage or loss to my person or property which may be caused by any act, or failure to act, of the Roanoke County Police Department, its officers, agents or employees. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions in, upon or about the premises or vehicles and waive any and all notice of existence of such conditions.

All information, conversations, or documents I may be exposed to, whether obtained while participating in the observer program or gathered while doing any assigned project or research shall be confidential. I further understand and agree not to disseminate this information, either verbally or in writing. This is to include any aspect of any investigation or criminal incident or the mere existence of an arrest record of which I may have knowledge because of my involvement with the Roanoke County Police Department. I will not divulge any information acquired from the NCIC/VCIN terminal or any department file (arrest or otherwise) to any person not having a legal right to said information. The unauthorized dissemination by me or any information of the Roanoke County Police Department observer program may subject me to criminal prosecution or civil action.

Applicant's Legal Guardian Date

Applicant Signature Date

Applicant Interviewed By Unit # Date

Applicant Approved By Unit # Date

Assigned Officer Unit # Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

CCH/DMV

Unit # _____

No Previous Ride Along in the Last 12 Months