



Fremont Police Department

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

The Fremont Police Department Ride-Along Program is designed to better educate the community on what the police department does on a day-to-day basis, and to familiarize citizens with the officers and the department in general. This program is not intended to involve citizens in the actual law enforcement process, but to develop partnerships with the community through interaction.

Due to the nature of police work and the danger involved, a list of rules and regulations is listed below. The Fremont Police Department insists on strict compliance with these rules and regulations. Disregarding these rules and regulations will be cause to terminate your ride-along, and could prevent you from future participation in this program. I appreciate your interest and support of YOUR police department and encourage your participation in this program.

Chief Dean A. Bliss

Civilian Ride-Along Rules and Regulations

1. To be considered for the program, you must be either a city resident or business owner. Student interns from local educational facilities are also eligible.
2. You must complete a civilian ride-along application before being considered for a ride-along. The application must be submitted to the chief at least 5 working days prior to the requested ride along.
3. A records check will be done on each applicant through the National Criminal Justice Information Center and local law enforcement agencies.
4. Riding assignments will be made to meet the department's needs. Assignments to officers will be determined at the time of the ride-along by the shift commander. Only one rider will be allowed during any shift.
5. You will be required to comply with all directives given to you by the officer to whom you are assigned. Civilians must remain with their assigned officer and in the patrol vehicle while on a call for service or traffic stop. Officers will immediately report to their command officer anytime a participant refuses to comply with any directives or interferes with that officer's duty. The command officer shall make a determination as to whether or not the ride-along should continue, the rider be reassigned, or the ride be terminated.
6. Police officers are assigned duties that involve danger to human life. These instances will not be avoided during a civilian ride-along. Every reasonable effort



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- shall be made to ensure the safety of all parties, realizing the officer's first responsibility is to carry out their assigned duties.
7. Civilians shall not interfere with operations in any way by conversing with victims, suspects, or witnesses. Civilians shall not handle evidence, equipment, or otherwise participate in any police matter. The exception would be operating the patrol radio in an emergency.
 8. Civilians are not permitted to be armed even if they possess a concealed-carry permit.
 9. Civilians participating in the program are required to present a neat and clean appearance and be appropriately dressed.
 10. Civilians may not bring cameras or any kind of electronic recording device, as it may conflict with evidence collection. During your ride-along you may be exposed to privileged and confidential information and must agree not to discuss such information with anyone. Participants may, however, be required to appear as a witness and testify in court.
 11. Civilians shall be free of any major or habitual violations of the law and not be affiliated with activities or associations that are considered contrary to law enforcement ethics or compromise law enforcement operations.
 12. Civilians must be able to effectively communicate with officers, dispatch, and other law enforcement personnel to understand dispatch or officer instructions.
 13. Individuals with medical conditions that may manifest themselves or possibly be affected by a ride-along will be required to submit written consent from a medical doctor. This requirement is intended to ensure that all participants are able to adequately assist in emergency situations by performing needed functions, such as quickly exiting the vehicle, running, laying flat on the ground, and using the patrol vehicle radio without compromising their safety or the law enforcement mission of the officer.
 14. A ride-along is not permitted to be more than 8 hours, a normal tour of duty.



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RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION AND WAIVER

APPLICANT NAME (PRINTED)

ADDRESS

BEST CONTACT
PHONE NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Reason/s for wanting to ride along _____

In consideration of receiving permission from Dean A. Bliss, Chief of Police, City of Fremont Police Department, Ohio, to participate in the ride-along program, the receipt of such permission being hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby releases the City of Fremont, its agents, officers, servants, and employees of and from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of actions whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the undersigned, while in, on, or upon the premises, or any other premises leases to or under the control of the City of Fremont, Ohio, or while riding in a police department vehicle or any other vehicle owned or leased by the City of Fremont, Ohio, while the undersigned is participating in the ride-along program.

The release shall be binding upon the distributees, heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, and personal representatives of the undersigned.

By signing the foregoing release, the undersigned hereby acknowledges and represents that he/she has read the rules and regulations and waiver, understands it, and signs it voluntarily. The undersigned represents that he/she is over 18 years of age and of sound mind. A parental/guardian signature is required for students under the age of 18 participating in the intern program.

Ride-along's signature and date _____

Parent/Guardian signature and date _____