



CITY OF MATTAWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION

In keeping with its commitment to community policing, the Mattawa Police Department offers citizens the opportunity to observe police officers at work through the Citizen Ride-Along Program. The program is established for citizens to ride with an MPD police officer during the officer's police duties. This program is offered as an educational tool for members of the public interested in law enforcement, prospective MPD employees, and other persons authorized by the Chief of Police, or his designee described below.

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM REGULATIONS:

1. All applicants to the program shall read completely and sign the Ride-Along Police and Application, including the liability waiver. Applicants under the age of 18 will be required to have a parent or guardian sign the liability waiver.
2. Civilian riders will follow the directions of the officer and will not become involved in any investigation, handling of evidence, discussions with victims or suspects, or handling any police equipment.
3. Civilian riders are prohibited from carrying weapons (including but not limited to, guns, knives, Tasers, OC spray, batons, etc), unless they are a sworn law enforcement officer with jurisdiction within the State of Washington. Such officers will not act as agents of the Mattawa Police Department and will have no law enforcement responsibility during the ride-along. Sworn officers will dress in civilian clothing and carry their weapon concealed.
4. Riders are required to be suitably dressed. Sandals, T-shirts, tank tops, shorts and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted.
5. If a situation develops in which the officer believes that the rider will be placed at an unacceptable risk of harm, the officer may terminate the ride-along and let the rider out of the vehicle in a well-lit place of safety. The dispatcher will be advised of the situation and as soon as practical have another police unit respond to pick up the rider at that location. The ride-along may be continued or terminated at this time.
6. The officer may terminate the ride-along at any time and return the rider to their home or to the station if the rider interferes with the performance of the officer's duties.
7. No cameras, video equipment, or cell phones will be operated while participating in the ride along program with the exception of media representatives who have made the necessary arrangements through the Chief of Police.



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8. Riders will not be permitted to ride if they appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. Riders should be in good general health with no need for physical assistance and must be able to adequately respond in emergency situations such as quickly exiting the vehicle, running, lying flat on the ground, and using the radio without the safety or the law enforcement mission of the officer being compromised.
10. The rider will be instructed to wear the seatbelt at all times.
11. The rider will be instructed that information observed or heard during the course of the ride along shall be kept confidential unless providing information to authorized personnel.
12. Only one rider will be allowed to ride at any given time.



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I, _____, hereby request permission to ride as a guest of the Mattawa Police Department in a vehicle owned by the City of Mattawa to permit my observation of police work. I attest that I have read completely and understand the Mattawa Police Department Citizen Ride-Along Policy and Application and agree to abide fully by all the regulations described therein. I also understand and agree pursuant to qualifying for the Ride-Along Program that a standard background check will be completed and that any negative information discovered, including but not limited to, arrest warrants, probationary supervision, felony convictions or active criminal investigations involving the applicant shall be deemed grounds for disqualification from participating in the Ride-along program. I further understand that the police department reserves the right to decline any application at any time for any reason.

I further understand that should permission be granted; I will be voluntarily observing police work at my own risk and am willing to assume all risks involved including the risk of serious injury or death. I have been advised that the Mattawa Police Department does not provide uninsured or under insured motorists, medical payments or personal injury protection coverage to guests participating in the Citizen Ride-Along program. I assume responsibility for any and all harm that may befall me during the ride-along experience.

BASED UPON THE INFORMATION ABOVE, and in consideration for granting my voluntary request to ride as a passenger in a vehicle owned by the City of Mattawa, and being fully aware of the risks involved, I hereby release and hold harmless the City of Mattawa and its officials, employees, volunteers and agents and agree to waive any right of recovery that I may have to bring a claim or lawsuit against that City of Mattawa for any bodily injury, death or other harmful consequence occurring to me in any way arising out of my voluntary participation in the Civilian Ride-Along Program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ DOB: _____

ID/DL# _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Parent / Gauardian Signature (Riders under 18 y/o) _____

Officer Selected: _____



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Records Check

Date: _____ Performed by: _____

WACIC: _____ NCIC: _____ DOL: _____ DOC: _____ RMS: _____

Clear: Yes _____ No _____

Approved: Yes _____ No _____ Date/ Time Assigned: _____

Supervisor: _____