

Oakwood Police Department



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Chief Tim Hatch

Ride-Along Rules & Regulations

1. No person shall be allowed to ride without having submitted a signed ride-along request and waiver form. Refusal to complete this form, or false statements of any nature on same, will disqualify that person from participation in the program. The request to ride form must be turned in to the Police Department two (2) weeks prior to the first requested date of participation. At the Chief of Police discretion, exceptions may be made for special situations requiring shorter notice, so long as the other procedures are followed. Special situations may include out of town visitors or criminal justice students or employees.
2. Civilian ride-along will be allowed to ride no more than once, without prior approval of the Chief of Police.
3. Participants must obey the orders and instructions given by the officer to whom they are assigned to ride with.
4. Participants must not leave the patrol vehicle if told to stay there by the officer.
5. When the patrol unit is assigned a dangerous call, the rider may be dropped off at a safe location.
6. Ride along tours usually last four (4) hours; however, either the Officer or rider may terminate the tour at any time. The Watch Commander will be advised of early termination. Riders participating in an internship or other education-related program approved by the Chief may ride for longer periods of time, and more frequently than just once.
7. Applicants will be notified by the Police Department after filing the written application request form. At that time, the ride will be scheduled and/or confirmed or denied.
8. The applicant's participation is a privilege and not a right. The basic premise of the ride along program is to establish rapport with the Police and learn about the functions of law enforcement.
9. All participants must agree not to discuss the names of persons involved in police cases or incidents. The observer will be considered a confidant of the Police Department and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigations be held confidential.
10. Tape recorders and cameras will not be permitted while participating in the program unless express permission is granted by the Chief of Police.
11. The participants will not be permitted to carry any weapons.
12. The participants dress code is a single-color polo style shirt with khaki pants or blue jeans.
13. By signing the waiver form on the reverse of this page, the ride along participant agrees to the rules and regulations listed above.

WAIVER:

I, the undersigned, hereby request permission to ride in a police vehicle of the City of Oakwood, at such times and in such areas as may be approved by the Chief of Police. I understand that the police vehicle will be engaged in the normal police patrol and law enforcement activities, some of which may be dangerous and expose passengers to risk or harm. I acknowledge this risk of harm and voluntarily accept it, hereby releasing the City of Oakwood, the Oakwood Police Department, the individual officers, and employees of the City of Oakwood from any liability which might result from my participation in this program. I give permission to have my background check for criminal history. I have read and agree to the rules and instructions listed on the back of this form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** ___/___/_____

Note: Applicants under eighteen (18) years of age must have this form read and signed by their parent or guardian prior to any participation in this program.

Permission of Parent or Guardian

I, the undersigned, being the parent of guardian of _____ hereby join with him/her in requesting permission for him/her to ride in a police vehicle as aforesaid and do join with him/her in granting a release and discharge the City of Oakwood, as set out in detail above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: ___/___/_____

In case of emergency notify: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant: _____ Phone Number: (____) ____ - _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Driver's License/I.D. Card #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Dates Preferred (Allow 2 weeks to process)	Time Preferred (Pick a 4-hour period)	I would like to ride with Officer: School Attending/Occupation:
1st _____	_____	_____
2nd _____	_____	_____
3rd _____	_____	_____

Background Check: _____ Date: ___/___/_____ Approved ___ Denied _____

Approving Supervisor: _____