

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANT

You will be accompanying a deputy sheriff on his/her daily duties. The deputy sheriff will attend to normal duties and will respond to all calls for service to which he/she is assigned. The deputy sheriff will be happy to discuss his/her duties and responsibilities as much as time and circumstances will permit.

The deputy sheriff's duties can, and often do, involve physical danger and serious risks. The deputy sheriff will not avoid or disregard duties which involve emergencies or danger simply because you are accompanying him/her. While every effort will be made to ensure your safety, the deputy sheriff's first responsibility will be to carry out his/her duties. If you are in an emergency situation, you must immediately and without question comply with all orders or directions given to you by the deputy sheriff.

We hope that you will enjoy your participation in the program. The following guidelines apply:

1. You must complete the Application and Waiver, Release, and Indemnification, and file it with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at least one week prior to the ride-along date.
2. You will be notified by telephone or mail if your participation in the Ride-Along Program is approved. You may be denied approval to participate in the Ride-Along Program for any reason.
3. All rides are scheduled for 5 hours on the selected shift. You will begin your ride at the beginning of the shift at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office precinct of choice, and you will be returned there at the end of the scheduled ride. When in a vehicle, you must wear a seat belt and shoulder belt at all times.
4. Because you will be exposed to the public, you must be neat and clean in appearance and behave appropriately. You should avoid wearing sweatshirts, t-shirts, shorts, jeans, and other types of leisure apparel. While participating in the Ride-Along Program, you will not be allowed to have in your possession (unless specifically pre-approved by a watch commander) weapons of any type, which includes but is not limited to: Mace/pepper spray, batons, or clubs, stun guns, guns or ammunition. You are not allowed to possess handcuffs, flashlights, radios, scanners, video or audio recording devices of any type, or anything which may be prohibited by the on-duty watch supervisor at the time of your ride-along.
5. The deputy sheriff may terminate your ride at any time (Example: If you are unruly, fail to obey instructions or distract the deputy from his/her duties). A supervisor may also terminate your ride at any time.
6. So that the greatest number of people may participate in the Ride-Along Program, you may not participate more than once every six months.

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