



Oxford Division of Police Ride Along Program Rules for Participation

Officers will make every effort to ensure the safety of ride along participants and not expose them to unnecessary risks or danger. Ride along participants are not active participants; they are observers. Officers will not permit ride along participants to engage or assist in police activities such as, but not limited to: checking buildings, directing traffic, driving a police vehicle, etc.

1. Civilian riders will remain in the vehicle at all times unless authorized to exit by the police officer.
2. Civilian riders are required to follow the instructions of a police officer at all times.
3. Civilian riders are not permitted to use the police radio or any police equipment except in an extreme emergency and as directed to do so.
4. Civilian riders are required to wear suitable attire. Shorts, jeans, jogging or sweat suits are not acceptable. A dress shirt with a collar and dress pants are recommended for males, pants & blouse are suggested for females. Uniform style clothing is prohibited.
5. At no time is a civilian permitted to carry any weapons during the rider program.
6. Riders will wear a seatbelt when riding in a city owned vehicle.
7. Riders will not bring any electronic or other device on the ride unless specifically authorized by the Chief of Police or the Community Services Section commander. Prohibited equipment includes recording devices, tape players, televisions, radios and cameras (still or video).
8. Should the officer be dispatched to a violent situation, the ride along participant will be discharged in a safe location and another patrol unit will be assigned to pick up the rider as soon as possible.
9. Riders are expected to conduct themselves with proper decorum at all times, and will not interfere with police officers in the performance of their duty.
10. If circumstances dictate, anytime during a shift an officer may request, through the immediate supervisor, that the ride along privileges of his/her passenger be terminated.
11. Prior to the commencement of a ride, all paperwork must be completed.
12. A completed and approved request to ride is valid for one year. Typically, civilian riders will be permitted to ride for one shift per year.
13. All riders are expected to carefully abide by the Agreement of Confidentiality. When it comes to the attention of police personnel that a rider has violated that agreement, future rides will be disallowed.



**Oxford Police Department
Ride Along Program
Release of Liability & Assumption of Risk**

Warning – Read All Contents Fully Before Completing

This is a release of any and all liability, and assumption of all risk by you, and an agreement to indemnify the City of Oxford against any loss wherein your spouse, children, or anyone on your behalf shall bring suit against the City. Release is a release of ALL claims of any nature whatsoever and an abandonment of certain legal rights that you may possess prior to signing this instrument.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, _____, hereinafter referred to as the APPLICANT, has made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to the Oxford Police Department, and to accompany a member, or members, of the Department during the performance of their official duties in order to observe and learn about the law enforcement profession and whereas, the Oxford Police Department is willing to allow the APPLICANT to ride as a guest in one of its vehicles, and to accompany member(s) of the Department during the performance of their duties on the following conditions:

Now, therefore, in consideration of the permission given to APPLICANT to ride in a vehicle assigned to the Oxford Police Department and to accompany a member or members of the Oxford Police Department during the performance of their official duties, we do hereby agree:

1. That we are aware that the work of the Oxford Police Department is inherently dangerous, and that APPLICANT may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or property damage by accompanying a member or members of the Oxford Police Department during the performance of their official duties, and we freely, voluntarily, and with such knowledge, consent that APPLICANT may assume the risk of death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or in any way connected with the use of weapons, unlawful acts, forcible resistance by law violators, assault, riot, breach or peace, fire, and any other police connected risk while APPLICANT accompanies a member or members of the Oxford Police Department during the performance of their official duties, and we hereby assume said risks.
2. That the City of Oxford, Ohio, John A. Jones, Chief of Police of Oxford, Ohio, their sureties, all members of the Oxford Police Department, their sureties, and each of them, shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, damage or loss, or expense either to the person or property of APPLICANT incurred while riding in a vehicle assigned to the Oxford Police Department, or while accompanying any member or members of the Oxford Police Department during the performance of their official duties and resulting from any act or omission on the part of any member of the Oxford Police Department.
3. Further, this release from all liability and claims of any nature whatsoever and this assumption of risk connected with these hazardous services shall be binding upon the undersigned and upon his or her personal representatives, heirs and assigns forever. The undersigned does hereby covenant to save harmless the City of Oxford and any and all employees of the City of Oxford on any and all claims for wrongful death, loss of consortium, loss of earning, etc. If any person shall file any suit or claims against

the Oxford Police Department, the City of Oxford or any of its employees relative to such participation by the undersigned APPLICANT, then, in that event, the undersigned shall be obligated to the reimbursing the Oxford Police Department, the City of Oxford or its employees for any sums for which they may be found liable in any way whatsoever related to the request granted by the Oxford Police Department.

4. APPLICANT and/or his or her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to hereby release and hold free and harmless from any liability the City of Oxford, Ohio, Chief John A. Jones, and all members of the Oxford Police Department, their sureties, and all of them against any and all manner of action, suits, claims, demands, or liability and expenses of any kind or nature incurred or arising by reason of negligent or wrongful act or acts of either commission or omission, which occur or arise while APPLICANT is riding in any vehicle assigned to the Oxford Police Department during the performance of their official duties.

We hereby represent that we have carefully read and understand the contents of this document and sign the same of our free will. We sign below understanding that the effect of our signatures is to bar and prevent any and all claims and to assume the risk of any and all injury or damage ourselves.

DO NOT SIGN THIS RELEASE UNLESS YOU UNDERSTAND IT COMPLETELY – IF IN DOUBT, CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Witness

Witness

Approval Section – To be completed by Chief of Police or Section Commander

Date of Ride			Shift Commander	
Start Time			Assigned to Officer	
End Time			Approved By	



AGREEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I agree that as a civilian participant in the Oxford Police Department Ride Along Program I will not discuss or reveal orally or in writing the names, addresses or identities of any person(s) who I may have observed as suspect, arrestee, victim, or complainant in police-related business conducted by Oxford Police Department personnel. I make this agreement with the Oxford Police Department in order to protect an individual's right to privacy and to ensure the integrity of any investigation that might be initiated.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Witness

Witness

This Section to be completed by the Applicant

Full Name			E-mail(if available)	
Address			Date of Birth	
Home Telephone			Emergency Contact Information	Name: Tx:
Work Telephone			Ride Request Info:	Date: Time:

This section to be completed by O.P.D. personnel

Local Records check completed

By: _____

No Local Criminal Record

Date: ____/____/____

Local Criminal Record:

Time: _____

