



BOX ELDER POLICE DEPARTMENT RIDE-ALONG REQUEST FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Please print clearly all answers and fill out every line possible)

Dear Applicant:

1. If you are at least 16 years of age, you are welcome to apply for a ride-along by reading, completing and signing both sides of this Ride-Along Request form. If you are under 18 years of age, a parent must sign the Parental Consent Release.
2. Turn this form to the Office Manager, approximately two weeks in advance of your requested date. Call the Office Manager to check the status of your request 24 hours in advance, if you have not received a call confirming the date and time of ride-along.
3. Your basic responsibilities as a ride-along are to:
 - a. Remain in or return to the police vehicle in dangerous or sensitive situations (i.e., homicide, sex crimes, deaths, etc.);
 - b. Do not enter and/or remain in a major crime scene;
 - c. Limit your movements to places open to the public and places you have permission to enter;
 - d. Comply with all directions given by a police officer;
 - e. Avoid operating equipment, unless an officer's safety is at risk or you receive an officer's permission;
 - f. Be an observer only. Do not become involved verbally or physically unless the officer's safety is at risk or you are directed to do so. The City of Box Elder will not be held liable for a ride-along's unauthorized interventions.
4. You must be in civilian clothing that is appropriate for the weather of the day. Clothing should be professional as you will be a representative of the Box Elder Police Department while riding with the officer.
5. You cannot carry a firearm, even if you have a concealed weapons permit. The exception is a certified police officer.
6. The personal safety of the officer and the Department's responsibilities to the community will be considered at all times. Therefore, an officer may terminate your ride-along at any time, without explanation or advance notice. In addition, if emergency circumstances dictate, you may be dropped off at a safe location in the field.
7. Affiliation: Explorer: _____ Neighborhood Rep: _____ Spouse: _____ Citizen: _____
Other: _____
8. What is the reason for your ride along request? (School, class, interested citizen, etc.): _____

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Applicant Information

Today's Date: _____ Date Requested: _____ Time: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Address and Phone: _____

Have you been arrested or convicted of a crime? _____ If yes, what? _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, have read and understood the reverse side of this form and ask the Box Elder Police Department for permission to ride, as an observer only, in an authorized Police vehicle. This observation is for the purpose of my educational benefit. If permission is granted, I agree to obey all instructions, orders, and commands given to me by officer(s) at a scene or in command of any vehicle in which I may be riding. I realized and appreciate the nature of law enforcement work, and know that I may encounter violence, uncertainty, danger, and criminality during a ride-along. I understand that I may encounter situations during a ride-along expose me to a risk of death, physical harm or injury, including, but not limited to, motor vehicle accidents. I freely and voluntarily accept these risks. I further agree to keep confidential my observations when requested to do so by a member of the Police Department.

I further understand I will be guest passenger in the police vehicle which I ride. I have not offered any payment to the Police Department or any of its employees for the opportunity to ride in a police vehicle and observe law enforcement activities.

In consideration of the educational benefit I will gain by riding along with a police officer, I hereby agree to hold the City of Box Elder, its Council, the Box Elder Police Department and its Chief, employees, agents and servants harmless of any and all liability to me for death, personal injury, or property damage, whether proximate or remote, sustained while I ride along and observe law enforcement activity.

Signature of Rider (regardless of age)

Date Signed

PARENTAL CONSENT

I, the undersigned, have read and understood the reverse side of this for, and being the parent(s) or legal guardian of (*please print*) _____, a minor under the age of eighteen, ask that the Box Elder Police Department grant permission for the above mentioned minor to ride on the date of _____, in a Box Elder Police Department vehicle and observe law enforcement activity. I realize and appreciate the nature of law enforcement work, and know that the minor might encounter violence, uncertainty, danger, and criminality during a ride along. I understand that the minor may encounter situations during the ride along that expose the minor to a risk of death, physical harm or injury, including, but not limited to motor vehicle accidents. I freely and voluntarily accept these risks.

I further understand that he/she will be a guest passenger in the Police vehicle in which he/she rides. I have not offered any payment to the Box Elder Police Department or any of its employees for the opportunity for the above named minor to ride in a police vehicle and observe law enforcement activity.

In order that the minor may gain the educational benefits of riding along, I further agree to hold the City of Box Elder, its Council, the Box Elder Police Department and its Chief, employees, agents and servants harmless of any and all liability to the above mentioned minor and to me for death, personal injury, or property damage, whether proximate or remote, sustained while I ride along and observe law enforcement activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date Signed

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