



LEBANON POLICE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

The Lebanon Police Department's Ride-Along Program allows citizens to voluntarily accompany officers, and to observe law enforcement activities to better understand the problems of policing. The observer may request to ride in any area at any time or with a particular officer. If convenient to the department and conditions permit permission may be granted.

The department's community-oriented policing goals include a commitment to work with the community to solve neighborhood problems and to operate an open, accessible, and accountable agency. The Ride-Along Program is consistent with these goals. Please remember that safety of law enforcement personnel shall be the primary concern.

Ride-Along Request:

Persons wishing to ride with an officer shall fill out only the top section on the accompanying application. The second section will be used internally to finalize and schedule an approved ride-along. The third section is a liability waiver to be completed by you at the time of your ride-along, but not before.

Completed Ride-Along Forms should be e-mailed to ataylor@lebanonmo.org or turned into Dispatch at the police station at least five working days before the desired ride-along date.

LEBANON POLICE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

1. All persons riding with officers of the City of Lebanon Police Department should be dressed in a presentable manner. **If the observer is not dressed satisfactorily the officer and/or the supervisor have the right to refuse or terminate the ride-along.** The following is a list of acceptable dress:
 - a. Females - Dress slacks or pantsuit and shoes. **No Dresses, Jeans, or Tennis Shoes**
 - b. Males - Sports coat, dress slacks, and shoes. **No Dresses, Jeans, or Tennis Shoes**
2. Persons riding in the capacity of observers are under the complete control of the officer at all times.
3. Observers shall not leave the police car at the scene of any police activity or participate in any police activity unless directly requested by the officer.
4. Observers shall not converse with prisoners, suspects, victims, witnesses, or any other persons contacted on police business unless requested by the officer.
5. Observers shall not interfere with the officer's activities at any time. Although you are encouraged to ask questions regarding procedures and activities it must be done at an appropriate time.

Limitations:

1. A person cannot ride unless approval has been granted and the watch commander has the properly completed application and waiver form.
2. Approval will be for one specific eight-hour period unless the watch commander grants special limitations or extensions. The observer may end the ride at anytime during this period if he or she wishes.
3. No more than one observer shall accompany an officer at a time or on any given shift unless approved by the shift supervisor.
4. Persons under the age of 18 must have the request and waiver forms signed by their parent or guardian.
5. No one shall be allowed to ride with plain-clothes or K-9 units without specific advanced coordination and approval of the chief.
6. Observers will be allowed to ride three (3) times per year, and cannot ride more than one (1) time per month. The following are exempt from this limitation: Active police officers from other jurisdictions, Lebanon Police Chaplains, and City Officials.



Lebanon Police Department
401 S Jefferson Ave
Lebanon, MO 65536

RIDE ALONG APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I, _____, agree to
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

indemnify, defend, hold harmless, and release the Lebanon, MO Police Department, the city of Lebanon, and their employees and volunteers, from any and all lawsuits, damages, claims, judgments, losses, liabilities or expenses arising out of the death, personal injury or property damage involving myself, which may be sustained as a result of my participation in law enforcement activities with the Lebanon Police Department. All of the terms above shall apply whether or not caused by the alleged negligence, either active or passive, or any acts or omissions of the Lebanon Police Department and their employees and volunteers. I also understand that the Lebanon Police Department does not carry insurance to cover participants in the activities in which I will be participating. I understand there are risks associated with these activities, and I assume the risk of any injury or loss that I may sustain during any of these activities. I also agree to abide by the following Ride Along Program Rules:

1. Riders will remain in the police vehicle at all times unless otherwise instructed by the officer with whom they are riding.
2. Riders will not communicate with anyone who is the subject of a Police Investigation, who is being arrested, or who is otherwise involved in any type of Police Action.
3. Riders will not carry or attempt to use any type of weapon.
4. Riders will follow the instructions of the officer with whom they are riding.
5. Riders will not record any type of audio, photographs, or video during their ride along.
6. Riders will not share any information obtained during their ride along with any members of the public, through any manner or through any medium.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with this RELEASE FROM LIABILITY.

Signature of Applicant (Rider): _____ Date: _____

Printed Officer Name: _____ DSN: _____

Signature of Officer: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date of Ride Along: _____ Hosting Officer: _____

Shift Scheduled: _____ Supervisor Approval: _____

Time Scheduled: _____ Date Approved: _____