



Ride-Along Program Requirements

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a government issued photo ID, which must be carried at all times while participating in the program. Applicants who do not have the appropriate ID with them at the time of the ride-along will not be allowed to participate.
2. Completed applications may be returned or mailed to the Williamsburg Police Department, Attention: Community Engagement Unit, 425 Armistead Avenue Williamsburg, VA 23185.
3. A criminal record check will be conducted. Allow at least two weeks for the application to be processed.
4. The Chief of Police, or if so assigned, the Deputy Chief or Chief's designee, must approve the applicant prior to applicant's participation in the program. Said approval may be denied in the discretion of the Chief of Police, for reasons including, but not limited to the following: the applicant is currently charged or has been convicted of a felony, is currently charged or has been convicted of a misdemeanor within the last five years, or has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving either a sexual offense or drug offense regardless of when received, or for any other safety or health concern which may result in an increased safety risk for either the applicant or Police Department officers participating in the program.
5. The applicant may select with which Shift/Squad the applicant desires to ride, subject to the availability of officers and staffing needs of the department.
6. It is the applicant's responsibility to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the Shift/Squad starting time and present identification along with a copy of the approved application. Applicants who arrive late or without the required documentation will not be allowed to participate on the day scheduled.
7. The Williamsburg Police Department utilizes body camera and dash mounted camera technology. This equipment is used daily by patrol officers of the Department. It is likely that you will be filmed by one of these recording devices during your ride-along. The resulting video is stored by the Department and may be used by the Department in subsequent proceedings. Both body camera video and dash cam video are also subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and per the criminal or civil discovery rules in Virginia, and so may be further disseminated by the Department as required by law. This may include any images of you taken by either of these devices. No notice will be provided to you if the video is further disseminated. By participating in the program, you understand and agree to the above conditions regarding recorded images.