



Rory B. Collins  
Chief of Police

# ***Salisbury Police Department***

*An Internationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency*

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your interest in the Salisbury Police Department's ride-along program – the purpose of which is to provide you with an opportunity to learn about the department's goals and missions and the many services we offer. Your participation will allow you to experience firsthand the decision-making processes our officers utilize in addressing the various crime and quality-of-life issues affecting our community. The end result is a more unified partnership between the police department and the public.

This program is designed for participants over 18 years of age, but is available to students at least 16 years of age with parental consent. Prior to riding, you will be asked to sign a liability waiver indicating that you agree to all terms and conditions as listed. **Failure to abide by the requirements will terminate your riding privileges.**

You should dress comfortably and professionally in dark-colored clothing with minimal decals. Please limit your jewelry and refrain from using an excessive amount of perfume or cologne. Due to the nature of an officer's work, you are asked to be patient while awaiting the officer's arrival to the police department. He or she may be busy, and it may take some time to complete their current task prior to meeting with you.

During inclement weather it may be necessary for the Patrol Sergeant or Lieutenant to suggest you return on another day in order for you to gain the full impact of your experience. Should this occur, contact me at your earliest convenience to reschedule.

Once your application is received, I will conduct a check of your criminal and driving histories. If there are no questions or concerns resulting from that inquiry, you will be contacted to schedule your time to ride. So that we may continuously evaluate and improve this program, you will be asked to complete an evaluation of your experience.

By order of the Chief of Police, **you may not carry a firearm unless you are a sworn officer** – even if you possess an active concealed carry permit. The use of tobacco products while conducting business or affairs in the community is prohibited. Policy also prohibits tobacco use inside all city-owned buildings and vehicles.

Once again, thank you for your interest in our ride-along program. We hope that your experience is positive and that you leave with a clearer understanding of the demands placed upon a Salisbury police officer each time they are on duty.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Joe Miller

## **Terms and conditions**

Please understand the following:

1. Participants should be professionally dressed in dark colored clothing with minimal decals, i.e. long pants, shoes, and collared shirt. If the participant is inappropriately dressed, the on-duty supervisor shall deny ride-along approval. Jewelry and perfumes/colognes should be minimal.
2. All persons authorized to ride in police vehicles will participate in a passenger/observer capacity only. Participants are not permitted to take part in any police action or perform any other police task or function. Participants shall remain under the complete control of the assigned police officer and shall comply with all directions and requests.
3. Participants shall not interfere with investigations in any way by conversing with victims, suspects, or witnesses, handling evidence or police equipment, or by participating in any police activity unless directed to do so by the assigned police officer.
4. Participants are not permitted to operate any police vehicle, handle firearms or weapons, or use any police equipment. Participants will use the communication system only in the event of an extreme emergency.
5. Unless the participant is a sworn-law enforcement officer, the carrying of firearms (concealed or otherwise) is prohibited – even if the participant possesses a concealed carry permit.
6. Participants are required to wear safety belts at all times while riding in police vehicles.
7. Tobacco use is strictly prohibited inside all city-owned buildings and vehicles. The use of tobacco products while conducting business or affairs in the community is also prohibited.
8. Although it is extremely rare, riders may be subpoenaed to court to testify as a witness to their observation during specific incidents.
9. Occasions may occur where the officer has to temporarily discharge participants from the vehicle at a safe and suitable location while responding to or handling a call that would expose them to undue danger, violence, or other hazardous conditions.
10. Participants should report to the Patrol Sergeant or Lieutenant on the date and time assigned.

# Rider Application

Application should be typed or completed in ink.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M  F  Driver License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you representing a community or civic organization? Yes  No

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a student? Yes  No  School \_\_\_\_\_

What is your interest or goal in participating in this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Dates requested (including times) 1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

Officer requested \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any physical impairments you have (heart condition, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.)

If you have an arrest record, provide offenses, location (city/county, state) and disposition

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Sgt. Joe Miller  
Salisbury Police Department  
130 E. Liberty Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
[jmill@salisburync.gov](mailto:jmill@salisburync.gov)

# **Rider Liability Waiver**

*Submit with Application*

For, and in consideration of the privilege of riding in a Salisbury Police Department vehicle for the purpose of participating in the department's Ride-Along program, I hereby release the City of Salisbury, NC, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, directly and indirectly arising out of my riding in a police vehicle with an officer of the City of Salisbury, NC Police Department.

Further, you agree that:

- You will not touch the police radio or other emergency equipment unless specifically asked to do so by the officer or in an extreme emergency situation;
- You will follow the officer's instructions with regard to your involvement in police activity or calls for service; and
- You waive the City of Salisbury of responsibility for any injury sustained during your ride-along.

_____ Signature of Participant	_____ Date	_____ Print Name
_____ Parent/Guardian Signature <i>If above participant is 16 or 17 years old</i>	_____ Date	_____ Print Name
_____ Sergeant/Lieutenant Signature	_____ Date	_____ Print Name
_____ Officer Signature	_____ Date	_____ Print Name

Starting Time \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Time \_\_\_\_\_