





# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Waiver for Ride-Along

Rider Full Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

## Request for Permission, Assumption of Risks and Waiver

I hereby request permission to ride in a vehicle (or vessel) owned by the City of Bainbridge Island as a guest of the Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) to permit my observation of police work. No payment has been requested, given, or will be given to the BIPD or its agents should permission be granted. I further understand that should permission be granted, I will be observing police work totally at my own risk, and I am willing to assume all risks involved, including the risk of serious injury or death. I also understand that if there is a high risk situation, I may be requested to exit the vehicle – regardless of time of day or location – and I am willing to assume all responsibility for my transportation back to the Bainbridge Island Police Department or to my residence and for any and all harm that may befall me once I exit from the Bainbridge Island Police Department vehicle.

## Waiver of Legal Liability

In consideration of granting my request to ride and observe, and being fully aware of the risks involved, I hereby waive any and all legal rights I have or may have in the future to bring any claim or lawsuit against the City of Bainbridge Island or its Police Department, individual officers, or any other employees, officers, or agents of the City arising out of or connected with observing the activities of the BIPD. No persons under the age of 18 may participate in the Citizen Ride-Along program without written authorization by parents/guardians.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian if rider is under 18 years old)

Have you ridden with one of our officers before? \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N

What is the purpose of your request to ride? \_\_\_ I'm interested in becoming an officer.  
\_\_\_ For educational purposes.  
\_\_\_ Just curious.  
\_\_\_ Other.



## **BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Policy and Regulations for Ride-Alongs**

1. All applicants to the program shall read completely and sign the Citizen Ride-Along application and the liability waiver (pages 1 and 2 of the application).
2. Civilian riders are observers only and shall not, under any circumstances, become involved either verbally or physically in the calls to which the officer with whom they are riding responds. If you have any questions regarding a call at which you were present, ask the officer when the situation is over, after you have both left the scene.
3. As a civilian rider, you must follow all the directions the officer gives you.
4. Civilian riders shall not, under any circumstances, have weapons of any type in their possession during the ride-along. This provision shall not apply to riders who are full time, commissioned law enforcement officers from another Washington State jurisdiction, as statewide inter-jurisdictional agreements are in place.
5. Riders are expected to be properly attired. T-shirts or sweatshirts with printed messages, halter tops, shorts, cut-offs, and sweats are not permitted.
6. Civilian riders are responsible for their own meal expenses if a meal break for the officer occurs during the ride-along period.
7. Riders will not be allowed to accompany the officer to potentially dangerous calls or hazardous situations. If necessary, the rider will be dropped off at the safest nearby location and picked up again as soon as possible. The officer shall inform dispatch where the rider was dropped off, and it is the responsibility of the shift supervisor to ensure the rider is picked up.
8. If any rider fails to adhere to the conditions of the ride-along program outlined here, or if the officer believes the rider's presence or actions are impeding the performance of assigned duties, the officer has the authority and duty to terminate the ride-along and return the rider to the police department.
9. Civilian riders are not permitted to have in their possession any recording equipment, including cameras and cell phone cameras, except when given written permission in advance of the ride by the Chief of Police.



# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Ride-Along Orientation Checklist

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Scheduled Ride: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to more fully defend the City of Bainbridge Island in potential litigation, the following is to be completed at the Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) at the time of the ride. If the rider is under 18 years old, the child's parent/guardian must complete and sign this form.

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## **RIDER** by signing below, affirms that he/she/they:

- Have reviewed the information provided on the BIPD's Policy and Regulations for Citizen Ride-Alongs page and have had any questions about the policy answered by the officer.
- Have been instructed to obey all commands given by the officer during the ride.
- Have been instructed to remain with the patrol vehicle unless otherwise directed by the officer.
- Understand they must wear seat belts and/or shoulder restraints while the vehicle is moving.
- Understand that if the officer is requested to respond to a potentially dangerous situation, he/she/they may be dropped off prior to arrival at that situation and possible drop-off locations have been discussed with the officer in advance of the ride.
- Understand that they are not to engage in conversation with suspects, violators, or prisoners, other than to exchange general courtesies.
- Understand the officer may terminate the ride at any time.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian if rider is under 18 years old)

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## **OFFICER** by signing below affirms that he/she/they:

- Have reviewed the orientation checklist above with the rider and answered any questions.
- Have ensured that a background check has been completed with no disqualifiers.
- Have ensured that an application and waiver have both been signed appropriately.
- Have notified dispatch that the rider is with you and provided the expected length of ride.

Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge #: \_\_\_\_\_