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## **Grandview Police Department Ride-Along Program**

The purpose of the Grandview Police Department Ride-Along Program is to encourage community involvement in law enforcement and to educate the public by opening up the lines of communication within the community by allowing interested residents to ride as passenger observers with patrol officers. The Ride-Along Program promotes a better understanding of the challenges, risks and rewards of the police officer's role in the community. We thank you for your interest in our Ride-Along Program and encourage questions, comments, and suggestions about this program and the Grandview Police Department.

### **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Citizens of Grandview
2. Grandview business owners
3. Visiting dignitaries or officials
4. Police officers from other jurisdictions
5. College or university criminal justice students engaged in research or fulfilling project or program requirements
6. Members of concerned adult or youth groups
7. Other members of the criminal justice system
8. Individuals over the age of 16, and under the age of 18, who have been approved by the Chief of Police

### **INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:**

1. Persons who have been convicted of a crime classified as a Class B or Class A misdemeanor in the last seven (7) years.
2. Persons who are under indictment or information in any court for a crime classified as a Class B misdemeanor or higher.
3. Persons who have been convicted of any felony.
4. Persons who have a history of drug use/abuse within the last three (3) years.
5. Persons who have been adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to a mental institution.
6. Persons who have provided false or misleading information on an application.
7. Any person who has violated any provision of this policy or the "Ride-out Rules and Regulations."
8. Any person believed to have an intent or motive that is not in the best interest of the City or this Department.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Applicants must complete and sign the "Ride-Along Application" and sign the "Release of Liability to Accompany a Police Officer". The completed documentation can be delivered in person or mailed to:

Grandview Police Department  
Ride-Along Program  
1100 McDuff Avenue /P.O. Box 506  
Grandview, Texas 76050

If you have any questions please call (817) 866-3399 during regular business hours, Monday-Friday.

## **GRANDVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

All participants in the Ride-Along Program must read, agree, and abide by all rules and regulations and complete the Ride-Along application and the "Release of Liability to Accompany a Police Officer" waiver form before the ride-along.

Participants are only permitted to ride once a month.

Participants must have a valid photo ID or driver's license with them when reporting for their scheduled ride-along.

Participants will not carry any kind of weapon, unless the participant is a currently employed and licensed Texas peace officer. Concealed handgun licensees shall NOT carry a weapon while riding.

Participants must be dressed according to the Ride-Along Dress Code. An approved civilian rider arriving at their appointed date and time must present a neat and clean appearance. Shirts shall have a collar and sleeves. Blue jeans or slacks shall be worn if clean and in good condition (not torn or have holes in them). Socks and shoes (no sandals) must be worn. No shorts, mid-drift shirts that expose skin, skin-tight or low-cut shirts, tank tops or t-shirts will be approved to be worn by civilian riders. If a participant shows up for their ride and they are not in appropriate clothing they will be denied participation in the ride-along program.

Participants shall be considered an observer only, and shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned officer during the ride-along.

Participants shall conduct themselves in a civil and courteous manner at all times.

Participants must wear their seat belts at all times while in the patrol car.

Participants must remain in the patrol car unless instructed to leave by an officer.

In the case of a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, participants may be dropped off at a safe location. If this occurs, the officer will give the participant specific instructions and arrange to have them picked up by another officer. Please note that this is for the rider's safety.

Participants must not become involved in any incident the officer is handling. This includes discussions of an incident with victims, witnesses, or suspects.

Participants must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in police cases or incidents. Participants will be considered a confidant of the Police Department and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigations be held confidential.

No tape recordings, cameras, or similar devices are allowed without prior approval from the Chief of Police or his designee.

For security and safety reasons, participants are not allowed to handle or use any of the officer's equipment or the equipment in the patrol vehicle.

Failure to comply with any of the above listed rules and guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the ride-along.