



# Rome Police Department

375 Technology Parkway  
Rome, GA 30165  
706-238-5111



## Ride Along / Observation Request

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone Date of Birth Race Sex SS#

Which category suits your request best?  Family Member  Citizen  Media  Intern  Explorer  
 Student Career Day  Citizen Police Academy  Other

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Requested for Ride Along Shift/Time Requested

Do you have a preference of officer? If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

### How to request a Ride Along:

As a courtesy to the citizens of this community, the Rome Police Department has a policy of allowing individuals the opportunity to observe patrol operations of the Rome Police Department through a Ride Along program. A maximum of two (2) rides are allowed per person in a calendar year, excluding the department's Explorer and educational internship program participants. While participating as a ride along, participants will be under the direct control of their host officer at all times.

To participate in the Rome Police Department's Ride Along program, interested parties must:

1. Be 18 years of age to participate. A person under the age of 18 must have parental consent and prior authorization by a Bureau Major or above.
2. Pick up the application and waiver forms from the Records Division of the Police Department.
3. Complete the application and waiver forms prior to the ride. Fill in all blanks.
4. Turn in both completed forms to the Records Vision of the Police Department. There may be up to a three (3) business day waiting period for the requested ride to be processed.
5. All completed forms will be forwarded to the GCIC Technician for processing and approval.

Once the application and waiver have been processed and a criminal history background check completed, the applicant will be notified by hone of the approval or denial of the request. Applicants approved to ride with a host officer will be notified of the scheduled date and time.

## Notice to Non-Police Riders:

Any person with a felony conviction will not be permitted to ride. Those with misdemeanor convictions will be considered on a case by case basis. However, a conviction for an offense against an officer or public official will disqualify the requester from riding.

All riders must be properly groomed and attired. Male observers should wear slacks and a dress or polo style shirt. Female observers should wear suitable business attire. No shorts, blue jeans, tank tops, crop tops, or like attire will be allowed. If a question arises about the suitability of a rider's appearance, the Watch Commander will make a decision about the rider's continuation in the program. This decision will be final.

## Rules of Conduct:

The staff of the Rome Police Department welcomes your participation as an observer in our Civilian / Rider Ride Along Program. You should be aware that the nature of police duty is sometimes dangerous and at times involves tense situations. In the interest of effective police operations and your own safety, you will comply with the following regulations and will not:

1. Use alcoholic beverages immediately prior to or during the observation ride.
2. Use profane or abusive language.
3. Make remarks or voice opinions to complainants, witnesses, victims, violators, or suspects in any manner, which would tend to provoke, degrade, or escalate the situation.
4. Give information to any unauthorized person that may compromise a police operation, procedure, or investigation in progress.
5. Give information to unauthorized persons concerning the identity of arrested persons, persons confined in jail or suspects in a criminal act.
6. Participate in any police activity or converse with any prisoner, suspect, witness or any other person contacted on police business unless the host officer has given authorization.
7. Inquire into the way an officer handled a complaint or call until after the completion of the call.
8. Accompany the police officer into a private residence or business without the permission of the occupants. Riders not authorized to enter a residence or business will remain in the patrol vehicle.
9. Make any audio or video recordings or take any photographs during the ride-along unless previously authorized by a Bureau Major or above.
10. Use any learned information for personal gain.
11. Carry a firearm or convey or state to anyone that you are a police officer. Active sworn police officers may carry their department issued firearm.

## Departmental Approval

Date of Ride: \_\_\_\_\_ Shift: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Ride Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Notified By: \_\_\_\_\_ on: \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Release and Indemnity Agreement Waiver of Liability

WHEREAS, the undersigned had voluntarily elected to ride as a passenger in a departmental vehicle of the police department of **Rome, Georgia**, and to accompany police officers of said city while engaged in the performance of their duties, to study and observe for his (or her) own benefit the functions and operations of the **Rome Police Department** and its personnel; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned desired to do so at his (or her) own risk and recognizing the possible and inherent danger to his (or her) person and property resulting there from; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Rome** and the **State of Georgia** do not wish to be held liable for any damages arising from personal injuries and/or property damage sustained;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration the undersigned does hereby, for himself (or herself), spouse, heirs, executor or administrator and personal representatives:

I have read this form and I understand the contents.

1. Assume full responsibility for any personal injury or damage to his (or her) property which may occur, directly or indirectly, while in, on or about any such police department vehicle, the police department premises or any part thereof or while accompanying any police officer(s) of the City of Rome while in the performance of their duties
2. Fully and forever release and discharge the City of Rome and the State of Georgia, its agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of the undersigned's being in, on or about any such police department vehicle or at and or all of the premises and places aforesaid or while accompanying any police officers of the City of Rome as aforesaid:
3. Indemnify and hold harmless the City of Rome and the State of Georgia, its agents and employees, for any acts or conduct of the undersigned of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such police department vehicle or at any or all the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such police officer aforesaid;
4. Agree to defend and to pay any costs or attorney's fees as a result of any action brought by or against the City of Rome or the State of Georgia, its agents and employees, for any such acts of conduct of the undersigned of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such police department vehicle, or at any or all of the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such police officer as aforesaid; and
5. Agree that it is the intent of the undersigned that this Release and Indemnity Agreement be in full force and effect at any time after the execution thereof.

_____ Signature	_____ Date	_____ Printed Name
_____ Parent or Guardian	_____ Date	_____ Printed Name
_____ Witness	_____ Date	_____ Printed Name

**AFFIX SEAL HERE**

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public for and within the County of Floyd, State of Georgia, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who executed the foregoing agreement and acknowledge that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Departmental Use Only**

CCH Record:            No Record \_\_\_\_\_            Record \_\_\_\_\_ (see attached GCIC printout)

Number of previous rides this year: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_            Date: \_\_\_\_\_