



RIDE-ALONG PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

1. All applicants for participation in this program must be at least 16 years of age. If under 18 years of age, a written permission by parent or guardian is required.
2. Anyone wishing to participate in this program must complete an application and present valid photo identification upon turning the application in to the Police Department.
3. The review of all applications will include a local and state criminal record check. An applicant who has a felony record or a misdemeanor record which involves moral turpitude or dishonesty may be excluded from participation in this program.
4. Once approved, participants shall be notified of their ride-along date and time. **Note:** if a participant is not available for the assigned ride-along, he or she can schedule an alternate date with the Patrol Captain who scheduled the original ride
5. Participants should arrive at the station at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled ride-along. If the participant is not present at this time, the department reserves the right to cancel the ride-along rather than delay the officer from going on duty while necessary forms are completed.
6. Participants will fully review the release and indemnification form with a supervising officer.
7. Once this form is signed, the participant will be issued a ride-along participant identification card which will be worn on the outermost clothing during the entire ride-along. This identification card shall be turned in to a supervising officer at the end of the ride-along.
8. Participants shall play no active role in the police function. They must only act as an observer unless otherwise directed by their host-officer.
9. Participants shall not be allowed to operate any police equipment unless directed to do so by a police officer in an extreme emergency.
10. Participants must remain in the police vehicle at all times until directed otherwise by an officer.
11. Participants must not speak to victims, witnesses, prisoners or other persons associated with a police event. Should a witness, prisoner, victim or other person speak to the participant, the participant should politely direct the person to speak to one of the officers present.
12. Participants are encouraged to ask questions of the host officer. However, such questions should be asked after the police event has been resolved so as not to interfere with the police operation.
13. Participants shall not bring cameras or any recording devices without the express written permission of the Chief of Police.
14. Participants shall not enter any person's home while participating in the ride-along unless the host officer has asked and has been granted express permission from the homeowner/occupant to allow the ride-along participant entry.
15. Participants shall follow the instructions of the host-officer at all times during the ride-along.
16. Participants shall not be allowed to carry any firearm or other weapon, even when otherwise authorized by law, while participating in the ride-along program.
17. Participants should be dressed in comfortable, casual but conservative clothing during the ride-along. (Pants and collared shirt for men, Pants and blouse for women) Participants who are inappropriately dressed, as determined by the supervising officer, shall not be allowed to participate in the program on the assigned date.
18. Participants shall only be allowed to participate in this program once every 6 months unless approved by the



**VERMILLION POLICE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION**

Requested Date: _____ **Requested Time:** _____

Name (Please Print) _____ Date _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Social Security # _____

Copy of photo-identification

To your knowledge, do you have any physical impairments? **Circle:** Yes NO

If yes please specify: _____

If under 18 years of age signature of parent or guardian is required:

Parent/Guardian's Name (Print): _____ Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name _____ (Relationship) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

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Criminal Record Check conducted by: _____ **Date:** _____

Circle one: No Record Record Attached

Reviewed By: _____ **Approved** **Disapproved**

Applicant Notified by: _____ **Date:** _____

Assigned Ride Date: _____ **Assigned Ride Time:** _____

Assigned to Ride With: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____

Host Officer Signature: _____

*Upon completion of ride-along-application and release shall be returned to the Captain.