

**ARVADA POLICE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

For Office Use Only:
Ride-Along Date:
Shift:
Sector:

The purpose of the Arvada Police Department's Ride-Along Program is to provide interested Arvada citizens with an insight into the operations of the department. You may request a ride-along with the Arvada Police Department one time in a year. It is our hope that you will find this experience both informative and enjoyable.

Note: Ride-Alongs are subject to cancellation at any time at the discretion of the officer or supervisor.

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____
Last First Middle Month/Day/Year

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Driver License #: _____ **Email address:** _____

In Case of Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Date Requested to Ride: _____ **Date of Last APD Ride:** _____

Do you have any needs that may require special consideration? YES NO If yes, explain: _____

Reason for Request: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- I am an Arvada Citizen
- I am a current applicant for police department employment
- I am a current Citizen's Police Academy participant

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Background Checks (Mark all Completed)**

Completed by: _____
Name ID # Date

- I/Leads _____
- CCIC _____
- NCIC _____
- Criminal History _____

Comments: _____

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RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGMENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE

I, _____, request permission to ride in an APD vehicle with an APD police officer for the purpose of observing APD officers perform police duties.

DURING MY RIDE-ALONG:

<u>Initials</u>		
<u>Parent</u>	<u>Rider</u>	
		I will obey the commands of the officer at all times. I will not interfere with the officer. I will not become involved in any investigation or in any discussion with a victim, witness, or suspect. I will not take any action that could potentially jeopardize my safety or the safety of others.
		I will not touch, use, or adjust any weapon or equipment in any APD vehicle, upon any officer, or upon or within any APD station. I will not touch any item of evidence.
		I will not take, make, or create any audio recording or visual image or recording with any recording device whatsoever, except with the prior approval of a supervisor.
		I will not at any time during or after my ride-along post any text, image, or recording of any kind whatsoever to any social media or other internet site that identifies or allows for the identification of any victim, witness, or suspect with whom I came into contact during my ride-along or of the location of any apparent or suspected criminal activity.
		I understand that I may be subpoenaed to appear as a witness in court about any activity I hear or observe during my ride-along.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I understand and acknowledge that riding in a police vehicle is a potentially hazardous activity. The vehicle may be operated in emergency circumstances and in or near dangerous situations. I understand that my participation as a rider could be hazardous. I understand that my property could be damaged and that I could suffer personal injury or even death during a ride-along. I hereby **waive** any and all actions, claims, and demands against the City of Arvada, its officers, agents, and employees for personal injuries, damages, or losses of any nature which may result from my ride-along or any related activity, and do further **release** the City of Arvada, its officers, agents, and employees from any claims, demands, or actions arising there from, and agree to hold them harmless there from. I expressly agree to indemnify the City of Arvada, its agents, assigns, and representatives in the event of any loss, damage, or claims arising from my participation in the ride-along. This **waiver and release** is made in consideration of my being allowed to accompany APD in the performance of their duties.

Rider signature

Date

Parent / Legal guardian signature

Date

APD witness / Employee #

Date

Arvada Police Department Ride-Along Information

Ride-Along Scheduled Date: _____

- **Lake Arbor Community Station, 8110 Vance Dr, Arvada, CO 80003**
- **Arvada Police Department Headquarters, 8101 Ralston Rd, Arvada, CO 80002**
- **West Woods Community Station, 6644 Kendrick Dr, Arvada, CO 80007**

Rules

1. An applicant for a ride-along must complete and file with the APD no later than one week prior to the requested ride-along a Ride-Along Application form and a Ride-Along Acknowledgment, Waiver, and Release form.
2. Riders must be at least 16 years of age. An applicant who will be 16 or 17 years old at the time of his ride-along must have the written consent of his or her parent or legal guardian. The signature of the parent or legal guardian must be witnessed by an APD employee.
3. Applicants are subject to a background check including a CCIC/NCIC computerized records criminal history check.
4. A declination notification will occur as soon as is reasonably practical after the declination decision has been made.
5. Due to the uncertain nature of law enforcement activity, a scheduled ride-along may be cancelled at any time before the ride-along begins. Should this occur, the APD will work to re-schedule the ride-along at the earliest mutually convenient time.
6. Riders must wear business attire (e.g., khaki pants and a polo shirt). No leisure wear (e.g., sweatshirts, T-shirts, tank tops, denim pants, tennis shoes, shorts, hats) will be permitted.
7. Rides start at the beginning of a shift and generally last no more than 4 hours.
8. An officer or a supervisor may terminate a ride-along at any time for any reason. In a potentially dangerous situation, a rider may be left in a safe, well lit place.
9. Riders are not allowed to take, make, or create an audio recording or visual image or recording with any personal electronic device during the ride-along, except with the prior permission of a supervisor. For the protection of victims and the integrity of investigations, riders should not after the ride-along post any text, image, or recording that might allow for the identification of a victim, witness, or suspect, or for the identification of the location of apparent or suspected criminal activity.
- 10.. No one will be allowed to ride-along more than once per calendar year, except for APD Explorers, qualified volunteers, or police applicants with the permission of the Watch Commander.