

Gloucester County Sheriff's Office
7502 Justice Drive
Gloucester, VA 23061

Ride Along Program

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
STREET ADDRESS	CITY/COUNTY	STATE ZIP CODE
HOME TELEPHONE #	WORK TELEPHONE #	
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY #	RACE SEX DATE OF LAST RIDE ALONG

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

I have read and understand the conditions of this Ride Along Program. I acknowledge that law enforcement is an inherently dangerous and unpredictable activity, and that the County of Gloucester, its employees and agents, including members of the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office whom I accompany, are not insurers of my safety.

I further acknowledge and accept the risks of my decision to accompany one or more members of the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office during their work which may include unexpected events and occurrences, danger and serious risks, including but not limited to" emergency or high speed pursuits, and confrontations with violent and/or armed persons. In the event of an emergency or in the discretion of the deputy, I may be temporarily left alone without supervision or protection. With full knowledge of the above, I hereby voluntarily assume all risk of loss, damage, or injury to me and my property, including death, which may be sustained while I am a passenger in any Gloucester County Sheriff's Office vehicle, or incidental to my accompanying one or more members of Gloucester County Sheriff's Office on duty both inside and outside of any vehicle, building, or structure and any other place or location.

This acknowledge and assumption of risk form shall be in full force and effect on the date hereof, and any occasion when I may hereafter accompany any member of the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, and shall be binding upon me and my heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives. I also acknowledge by my signature that I have read and understand the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office Ride Along Application Procedures listed on page two of this form.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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Records Check Status:	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	HISTORY ON FILE
VCIN/NCIC Status:	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	HISTORY ON FILE
Application:	APPROVED	DENIED	
SIGNATURE			
Comments:			

CAPTAIN OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Ride Along Program

Citizens whose applications are approved are limited to one ride along within a (12) twelve-month period.

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Completed application may be returned to the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office in person, or mailed to:
Gloucester County Sheriff's Office
Attn: Captain of Law Enforcement
7502 Justice Drive
Gloucester, VA 23061
3. A criminal record check will be conducted. Please allow at least two weeks for the application to be processed.
4. The results of the criminal records check and the recommendation of the Captain of Law Enforcement will determine the applicant's eligibility to participate in the Ride Along Program.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to arrive at least (15) fifteen minutes prior to the shift's starting time and present the approved application to the on-duty shift supervisor. If the applicant does not have the application with him/her, he/she will not be permitted to ride along at that time. If an applicant loses or misplaces an approved application, he/she must re-apply before being permitted to ride.

Ride Along Program
Rules of Conduct

- You will be assigned to ride with a member of the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office Uniform Patrol Division. Requests for assignment to a specific duty will be at the discretion of the on-duty supervisor. You must have your approved Ride Along application with you at the time you ride with the deputy.
- You shall not carry any weapon of any kind while participating in this program.
- The deputy with whom you are riding with will be happy to discuss duties and responsibilities with you insofar as time permits. If, however, some emergency should arise, you must immediately and without question comply with any order or directions given to you by the deputy, as it is for your own safety.
- You are not to leave the patrol vehicle at the scene of any law enforcement activity without first obtaining permission from the deputy.
- The duration of the ride is at the discretion of the deputy.
- You may not use cameras, video-recorders, or tape recorders while riding due to possible conflicts with evidence collection.
- You must present a neat and clean appearance, and wear appropriate business attire. Casual clothing such as jeans, shorts, t-shirts, or sneakers is not acceptable.

Ride Along Program
Risks

Law enforcement Officers can be, and often are, assigned to duties which involve danger and serious risks. Duties which involve emergencies or danger will not be avoided because you are present. While reasonable effort will be made to ensure your safety, the officer's first responsibility will be to carry out his/her assigned duties. Please be aware that in riding along, you have assumed the risk of becoming injured or even killed. These risks may involve some of the following situations: being involved a traffic accident, being shot, being taken hostage, being sprayed with OC or chemical agents, being beaten, being cut or struck by a sharp weapon, and/or being verbally abused.