



## **POLICE RIDE-A-LONG**

The Perth Police Service provides a community ride-along program in an effort to improve police and public relations by allowing approved members of the community the opportunity to accompany police officers during their regular shift, thereby familiarizing civilians with the complex and unpredictable nature of police work. Ride-along requests are generally initiated by those wishing to gain a better understanding of police work. Participants must be of good character, as determined through a criminal record check and any other relevant police record check. Ride-along participants must accept that they could become witnesses to an incident, which could necessitate the requirement for a statement and attendance at any court proceeding. Potential participants can pick up a Ride-Along package at the station or they may complete the forms listed below and return them to the Perth Police Service for consideration.

Potential participants must read and complete Perth Police Service Ride-Along Application/Authority for Criminal Record Check.

Applications must be made at least two weeks prior to the preferred date of the ride-along.

Participants must be of good character, as determined through a criminal record check and any other relevant police record check.

Completed applications shall be forwarded to the Perth Police Ride-Along Program Coordinator, who will conduct the record checks and advise the applicants of the status of their request.

Once approved for a ride-along, participants must read and complete Perth Police Ride-Along Release, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement." Participants under 18 years of age must have the signature of a parent or guardian on this form.

The Perth Police Service reserves the right to determine the number of ride-a-longs in which an individual may participate.

Participants will be required to present themselves at least 15 minutes before the start of the ride-along and are to be dressed in a neat and businesslike manner. The participants should refrain from wearing any article of clothing that resembles part of a police or other uniform, such as combat boots and dark cargo pants.

The Perth Police Service will provide participants with noticeable "observer" identification tags, which must be worn on a participant's outermost garment.

When reporting, participants will ensure that they have proper photo identification and provincial health card.

In the event of a high-risk police intervention, the ride-along will be terminated or interrupted, and the participant will be dropped off at a safe location. Every effort will be made to have another officer pick up the ride-along participant and provide transportation to the station. If this cannot be accomplished, the participant will be expected to have prearranged alternate transportation for this eventuality.

Participants are not to become actively involved in any manner in a police action, unless specifically requested to do so by the accompanying officer. Participants must be aware that they could become a witness to an incident and therefore may be compelled to provide a statement and appear in any court proceedings.

Participants are not to operate any Perth Police Service equipment, unless under extreme emergency situations.

### **Links for application**

[http://perthpolice.ca/files/%7BE9DF8408-B92D-467B-9DC2-155A33F3C337%7DRide-Along\\_Application.pdf](http://perthpolice.ca/files/%7BE9DF8408-B92D-467B-9DC2-155A33F3C337%7DRide-Along_Application.pdf)