

# LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Print) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address, include City/State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Work Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth Age Sex Social Security #

To your knowledge, do you have any physical impairment? Circle: Yes No

If yes please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_  
In case of emergency, please notify:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Relationship)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Work Phone

Day/Time Preference (not guaranteed) for ride-along: \_\_\_\_\_

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*DEPARTMENT USE ONLY*

Criminal Record Check conducted by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle one:*              No Record              Record Attached

Applicant Notified By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Scheduled Ride: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned to Ride With: \_\_\_\_\_

Platoon Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Host Officer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

## LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT RIDE-ALONG PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

1. All applicants for participation in this program must be approved by the Chief of Police or Operations Captain.
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 criminal record check as well as an NCIC inquiry. An applicant who has a felony record **or** a misdemeanor record 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 (**date and time**), he or she can schedule an alternate date with the officer 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 the host 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 the host 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 the host 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 or Operations Captain (excluding media).

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14. Participants shall follow the instructions of the host-officer at all times during the ride-along.

15. 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 shirt/jacket for men, pants and blouse/jacket 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 given written authorization from the Chief of Police or Operations Captain.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above Information Sheet and agree to comply with its provisions at all times while participating in any ride along.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ride along signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness