



# BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Application for Citizen Ride-Along

By signing below, the applicant affirms that he/she has read the Citizen Ride-Along application completely, and agrees to abide fully by the regulations set forth herein by the Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) in relation to the ride-along experience. The applicant also understands that BIPD will perform a standard background check prior to the ride, and negative information discovered about an applicant (including, but not limited to warrants, probationary supervision, criminal history) will disqualify the applicant from riding. Final approval is made by the Chief of Police or his/her designee. The minimum age for a ride-along in a patrol car is fifteen. There is no minimum age for a ride-along on the BIPD Marine Services Unit.

Please complete **this page only** and submit the application in person at the BIPD Station, 625 Winslow Way E, Bainbridge Island, WA. Bring a valid driver license or passport.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider Last Name (Print)                      First Name (Print)                      Middle Initial                      Date of Birth  
Minimum Age 15 for Patrol Car

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate preferences (i.e. date/time/officer): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

### DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Records/Warrant Check:     WACIC     NCIC     DOL     DOC  
Clear All:                       Yes                       No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Performed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sgt. Approve/Deny: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Approve/Deny: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Shift: \_\_\_\_\_



**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Waiver for Citizen Ride-Along**

Full Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Rider: ( ) Yes ( ) No

Reason for request: \_\_\_\_\_

**Request for Permission, Assumption of Risks and Waiver**

I hereby request permission to ride in a vehicle owned by the City of Bainbridge Island as a guest of the Bainbridge Island Police Department (BIPD) to permit my observation of police work. No payment has been requested, given, or will be given to the BIPD or its agents should permission be granted. I further understand that should permission be granted, I will be observing police work totally at my own risk, and I am willing to assume all risks involved, including the risk of serious injury or death. I also understand that if there is a high risk situation, I may be requested to exit the vehicle – regardless of time of day or location – and I am willing to assume all responsibility for my transportation back to the Bainbridge Island Police Department or to my residence and for any and all harm that may befall me once I exit from the Bainbridge Island Police Department vehicle.

**Waiver of Legal Liability**

In consideration of granting my request to ride and observe, and being fully aware of the risks involved, I hereby waive any and all legal rights I have or may have in the future to bring any claim or lawsuit against the City of Bainbridge Island or its Police Department, individual officers, or any other employees, officers, or agents of the City arising out of or connected with observing the activities of the BIPD. No persons under the age of 18 may participate in the Citizen Ride-Along program without written authorization by parents/guardians.

Ride-Along Applicant:

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Parent or Guardian if Applicant is Under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Policy and Regulations for Citizen Ride-Along**

1. All applicants to the program shall read completely and sign the Citizen Ride-Along policy and application, including the liability waiver.
2. Civilian riders are observers only and shall not, under any circumstances, become involved either verbally or physically in the calls to which the officer with whom they are riding responds. If you have any questions regarding a call at which you were present, ask the officer when the situation is over and you and the officer have left the scene.
3. As a civilian rider, you must follow all the directions the officer gives you.
4. Civilian riders shall not, under any circumstances, have weapons of any type in their possession during the ride-along. This provision shall not apply to riders who are full time, commissioned law enforcement officers from another Washington State jurisdiction, as statewide inter-jurisdictional agreements are in place.
5. Riders are expected to be properly attired. T-shirts or sweatshirts with printed messages, halter tops, shorts, cut-offs, and sweats are not permitted.
6. Civilian riders are responsible for their own meal expenses if a meal break for the officer occurs during the ride-along period.
7. Riders will not be allowed to accompany the officer to potentially dangerous calls or hazardous situations. If necessary, the rider will be dropped off at the safest nearby location and picked up again as soon as possible. The officer shall notify CenCom where the rider was dropped off, and it is the responsibility of the shift supervisor to ensure the rider is picked up.
8. If any rider fails to adhere to the conditions of the ride-along program outlined here, or if the officer believes the rider's presence or actions are impeding the performance of assigned duties, the officer has the authority and duty to terminate the ride-along and return the rider to the police department.
9. Civilian riders are not permitted to have in their possession any recording equipment, including cameras and cell phone cameras, except when given written permission by the Chief of Police.



## BAINBRIDGE ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT Citizen Ride-Along Orientation Checklist

In order to more fully defend the City of Bainbridge Island in potential litigation, the following is to be completed at the police department at the time of the ride. If the rider is under 18 years of age, the child's parent/guardian must complete and sign this form.

	Officer Initials	Rider Initials
1. The rider has been instructed to obey all commands given by the officer.	_____	_____
2. The rider has been instructed to remain with the patrol vehicle unless otherwise directed by the officer.	_____	_____
3. The rider has been instructed to wear the seat belt and shoulder restraint whenever the vehicle is moving.	_____	_____
4. The rider has been informed that if the officer is requested to respond to any potentially dangerous situation, the rider may be dropped off prior to arrival at the situation. Possible drop-off locations have been discussed with the rider.	_____	_____
5. The rider has been instructed not to engage in any conversation with violators or prisoners, other than general courtesies.	_____	_____
6. The rider has been informed that the officer may terminate the ride, at the officer's discretion, at any time.	_____	_____
7. The Citizen Ride-Along Agreement form is signed by the rider or parent or legal guardian.	_____	_____
8. The officer has advised CenCom that a rider is in the vehicle and the expected length of the ride.	_____	_____

Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian if rider is under 18 years old)

Expected date and hours of the ride-along: \_\_\_\_\_