



RIDE-ALONG GUIDELINES

The University of Arizona Police Department maintains a ride-along program so that members of the community may become familiar with day-to-day police operations and to increase public awareness of police functions in the community.

Eligible people are those who are at least 15 years of age. The parents or legal guardian must sign the Observer Ride-Along Waiver of Liability Form if the observer is under 18 years of age.

The following people are not eligible for the ride-along program:

1. A person who has been convicted of a felony
2. A person who has an active warrant

Please allow a minimum of 72 hours for the ride-along approval to be processed.

All ride-along applicants must successfully pass a background check prior to participation. The Police Department reserves the right to deny any ride-along application with or without cause. Approved observers will be contacted via email or telephone with information as to when and where to report for the ride-along. Please contact The University of Arizona Police Department at (520) 621-8273 if you have any questions.

Completed applications can be returned to the University of Arizona Police Department, located at 1852 E. 1st Street, Tucson Arizona, AZ 85721, Monday–Friday 8 am–5 pm, excluding holidays.

RIDE-ALONG RULES FOR OBSERVERS

- A. You are under the command of the officer, dispatcher, or community service officer at all times.
- B. If you are ill or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will not be allowed to participate.
- C. Please wear clean, presentable attire. Jeans may be worn. Do not wear shorts, clothing with holes, open-toed shoes, tank tops, tube tops, or any article of clothing with inappropriate language or images.
- D. Do not leave the patrol car at the scene of any police activity unless permitted by the officer.
- E. Please refrain from speaking to prisoners, suspects, witnesses, or any other parties contacted unless authorized by the officer/dispatcher/police aide.
- F. Do not interfere with any official business at any time.
- G. No audio recorders, cameras, or weapons are allowed without permission.
- H. Food and drink are the responsibility of the observer.
- I. Observers must wear the observer vest provided by the department.
- J. If you are unable to keep your appointment, notify UAPD as soon as possible by calling (520) 621-8273.
- K. A ride-along may be terminated at any time at the discretion of UAPD.

****PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN WAIVER OF LIABILITY ****

 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
**Police
Department**
WAIVER OF LIABILITY

FULL NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
(First/ Middle/ Last)

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____

DAY PHONE _____ DRIVER LICENSE# _____ STATE _____

REASON FOR RIDING _____

PREFERRED DATES AND TIMES TO OBSERVE _____

UNIT: ☐ PATROL ☐ Community Service Officer ☐ DISPATCH ☐ OTHER (check one)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please explain:

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

The undersigned acknowledges that accompanying a public safety employee on patrol is an inherently dangerous activity that can cause serious personal injuries or even death from risks such as contact with criminal suspects and other parties, high-speed chases, vehicular maneuvers, exposure to armed individuals, and other activities engaged in by police officers. In consideration of being allowed to accompany and observe a University of Arizona Police Department (UAPD) officer/employee performing duties, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs and estate, hereby agree to assume the risks described herein, and I release the University of Arizona, the Arizona Board of Regents, and all employees, agents, and servants of both, from any and all injuries, liabilities, damages, and other claims that I may sustain while accompanying a UAPD officer on patrol. I further agree that I will not: 1) carry a weapon of any type during the time of my scheduled tour, even if said weapon is duly licensed or I am otherwise authorized by law to possess and carry such weapon (excluding active Arizona certified police officers, federal law enforcement, and current certified LEOSA retired officers); 2) audio-record, video-record, or otherwise record in any manner, any portion of my tour (unless prior approved by UAPD); and 3) disclose to any third-party details of a crime scene or other information overheard or observed during the observer period. I further agree to obey all orders and directives of UAPD employees and acknowledge that my tour may be terminated at any time at the sole discretion of UAPD.

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER _____ DATE _____

IF JUVENILE, SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

COMMAND STAFF APPROVAL: YES NO (Circle one) DATE: _____ DENIED (Reason) _____

SUPERVISOR ASSIGNED: _____ DATE ASSIGNED: _____ EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED: _____

THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY ASSIGNED UAPD EMPLOYEE

DATE OF RIDE _____ TIME OF RIDE: FROM _____ TO _____

ASSIGNED EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE _____ BADGE # _____

COMMENTS: _____

****PLEASE READ REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM****

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☐ NO RECORD ☐ RECORD (Attached) CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____

Department employee will return completed form to the Command Staff member who approved the ride-along form. The form will be stored in the records unit.