

City of Winnemucca



Ride Along Program

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Often Citizens wish it were possible for them to be at the scene of police incidents and see exactly how the incident is handled so that they may better judge the quality of their police department. Others are considering a career in law enforcement and wish a preview of what such a career might be like. Some would simply like to see “the other side of the coin”.

In response to such feelings among the residents of Winnemucca, we at the Police Department have made it possible for you to “Ride-Along” in a police unit, with a police officer, during a portion of their tour of duty. We sincerely hope that by offering such a program we may improve the state of understanding that exists between our officers and you, the public. Please feel free to ask any questions which you might wish of our officers, for it will only be through improved communications with each other that this goal can be reached.



WHO DO I CONTACT IF I WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Contact the Administrative Office at the Police Department at 775-623-6396 to schedule a “Ride-Along” appointment.

WILL I HAVE TO SIGN ANYTHING?

Yes. We must have you sign an accident waiver which frees this department of liability in the event you were injured while riding along with us. If you are under 18 years of age, your parents must also sign. You must be at least 15 years old. A records check for

warrants and arrests will be conducted prior to your ride. This is done to ensure that it is acceptable for you to participate in the program.

COULD I GET HURT?

Police work by its very nature is sometimes dangerous. Simply by being in a police car you are exposed to danger. We cannot provide bullet-proof vests for ride alongs.

HOW LONG CAN I RIDE AT A TIME?

Normally five hours but not beyond 12:00 A.M. Longer rides may be arranged for applicants and approval by Sergeants, Lieutenant, Captain or Chief.

HOW SHOULD I DRESS?

We require that all persons riding along be suitably dressed in slacks, collared shirt or jacket and shoes. Sandals, tee-shirts, halter tops, shorts and unrepresentable blue jeans are not permitted. The duty commander may refuse a ride to anyone not properly dressed.

CAN I BRING A CAMERA?

No. Due to Constitutional questions of “right to Privacy” we do not allow either cameras or tape recorders, unless approved by the Chief of Police.

HOW OFTEN CAN I RIDE?

In order to allow as many people as possible the chance to participate in this program, we limit ride alongs to once every 6 months, unless approved by the Chief of Police.

Winnemucca Police Department
Declaration of Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

(Read this document in full before signing)

I, _____, the undersigned, declare the following:

I am _____ years of age and not a member of the Winnemucca Police Department. I have made a voluntary request to participate in the "Ride-Along" program of the Winnemucca police Department. I will accompany any member of the Winnemucca Police Department to whom I may be assigned during the performance of his/her official duties, which may include riding with said officer in a police vehicle, and being present at the scene of criminal investigations or other emergencies.

I understand that the Winnemucca Police Department will allow me to participate in its "Ride-Along" program only on the condition that I release the City of risk involved in said participation and that I release the City of Winnemucca, its officers, agents and employees from all liability and I agree to these conditions.

I understand the duties of members of the Winnemucca Police Department are inherently dangerous and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or of damage to my property during participation in the "Ride-Along" program. I further understand that said risk may arise from but not limited to, civil disturbances; explosions or shootings; the effects of wind, rain, fire and gas; assaults; and vehicular collision; and I freely and voluntarily assume all of the said inherent risk whether or not they are listed herein. I also agree not to carry any firearm concealed or exposed during my participation on the "Ride-Along".

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the "Ride-Along" program, I agree to be bound by all orders, rules and regulations concerning my participation; to promptly obey all instructions of any police officer to whom I am assigned; and to release the City of Winnemucca, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability arising out of my said participation. I have read and understand the contents of this document and fully assume such risks and sign this document of my own free will.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____, at Winnemucca, Nevada.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Applicant/Declarant)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian if Minor)

Name _____ **Address** _____

Age _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Home Telephone** _____ **Cell Phone** _____

In Case of emergency notify: Name _____ **Address** _____

Relationship _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Signature of Applicant _____