



# LORAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police

## LORAIN POLICE RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION

Name (Print)

Application Date

Address	
Cell Phone #	
Date of Birth	
Age	
Driver's License # or Social Security #	
Do you have any physical impairments? If yes, please specify.	
Date/Time for Ride-along ( <i>not guaranteed</i> )	

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### Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name	
Relationship to Participant	
Cell Phone # or other Contact Information	



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Provide a reason why you are applying for this ride-along.

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College or University attending/attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Major or program of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

<b>Criminal Record Check Conducted by:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No Record</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Record Attached</b>	<b>Approved By Operations Commander:</b> _____ <b>Disapproved By:</b> _____
<b>Date and Time of Scheduled Ride-along</b>	
<b>Assigned to ride with</b>	
<b>Host Officer Signature</b>	
<b>OIC Signature</b>	

*Upon completion, the application is to be returned to the Chief's Office for filing.*



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## RIDE-ALONG PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

1. The Chief of Police or his designee must approve all applicants for participation in this program.
2. Anyone wishing to participate in this program must complete an application and present valid photo identification upon turning the application into the police department.
3. All applications, including a criminal record check and an NCIC inquiry, will be reviewed. Depending on the circumstances, an applicant with a felony or a misdemeanor record may be excluded from participating in this program.
4. Once approved, participants shall be notified of their ride-along date and time. Note, if a participant is unavailable for the assigned ride-along (date and time), they can schedule an alternate date with the officer who planned the original ride.
5. Participants should arrive at the station fifteen (15) minutes before 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 thoroughly review the release and indemnification form with the host officer and/or the officer-in-charge.
7. The ride-along participant will be issued a ride-along participant bulletproof vest with the words "OBSERVER" on it. The vest will be worn on the outermost clothing during the entire ride-along. The vest must be returned to the host officer at the end of the ride-along.
8. Participants shall play no active role in any police function. Unless otherwise directed by their host officer, they must only act as an observer.



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9. Participants shall not be allowed to operate any police equipment, unless otherwise directed to do so by a police officer in an extreme emergency.
10. Participants must always remain in the police vehicle unless directed by the host officer or the OIC.
11. Participants must not speak to victims, witnesses, prisoners, or others associated with a police event. Should a witness, prisoner, victim, or other person talk to the participant, the participant should politely direct the person to speak to one of the officers at the scene.
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 should not record or take any photographs of any police interaction, unless express written permission of the Chief of Police or Operations Captain (credentialed media members are excluded).
14. Participants shall follow the instructions of the host officer at all times during the ride-along.
15. Participants are prohibited from carrying any firearm or other weapon while participating in the ride-along program, unless certified as a duly appointed police officer.
16. Participants should be dressed in comfortable clothing during the ride-along. As determined by the shift OIC, participants who are inappropriately dressed will not be allowed to participate in the program on the assigned date.

**I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above information sheet and agree  
to always comply with the provisions while participating.** \_\_\_\_\_ (Initials)



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## Liability Release & Indemnity Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have requested permission from the Lorain Police Department to participate in the Department's "Ride-along" program.

I acknowledge that the ride-along program involves accompanying a police officer who will be acting in the performance of their duties as a police officer.

I acknowledge that I have been specifically informed that police vehicles are sometimes required to operate in an emergency fashion, which may expose me to danger.

I also acknowledge that I have been advised of the fact that while accompanying an officer to a call or service, or otherwise during their tour of duty, I may be exposed to danger to both my person and my personal property due to the actions of criminal suspects, prisoners, and other people whom I may come into contact with during my ride-along.

NOW, THEREFORE, having been fully advised of the dangers inherent in the ride-along program which I request to participate, and in consideration of the privilege granted to me by the City of Lorain to be a gratuitous passenger in a police car, I do hereby, for myself, my spouse, heirs, executor or administrator, assigns and personal representatives:

1. Assume full responsibility for any personal injury, death, or any damage to my personal property which may occur directly or indirectly, while in, or about any such police department vehicle, and all of the Lorain Police Department's facilities, to include any other Department or City facility I may enter during the ride-along.
2. Assume full responsibility for any personal injury, death, or damage to my personal property while accompanying any police officer of the City of Lorain in the performance of their duties.
3. Fully and forever release and discharge the City of Lorain, its police officers, employees, agents, and servants from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, or causes of actions, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my being in,



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on or about such Lorain Police Department vehicle, or at any or all police department premises or facilities, or while accompanying a police officer who is in the performance of his or her duty as a police officer for the City of Lorain.

4. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Lorain, its police officers, agents, employees and servants, for any acts of conduct on my part of whatever kind of nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such Police Department vehicle, or at any or all Police Department premises or facilities, or while accompanying a police officer who is in the performance of their duties as a police officer for the City of Lorain.
5. I agree to defend and to pay any attorney's fees or associated costs as a result of any claim or action brought by or against the City of Lorain, its police officers, agents, employees or servants, for any acts or conduct on my part of whatever kind of nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such Police Department vehicle, or at any and all Police Department premises or facilities, or while accompanying a police officer who is in the performance of their duties as a police officer for the City of Lorain.
6. I agree that it is my intent, having read and having been fully informed of all the above, that this Release and Indemnity Agreement be in full force and effect at any time after the execution hereof and cannot be extinguished or modified after its execution and delivery to the City of Lorain.

Agreed to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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**Signature of Ride-along Participant**

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**Witness Signature of Lorain Police Department Officer-In-Charge  
on the day of the Ride-along**