# Ride Along Program

The Hayward Police Department provides members of the community the opportunity to ride along with uniformed Hayward police officers while they perform their normal patrol duties.

The purpose of the Ride Along Program is to provide the public an opportunity to see, first-hand, how the Hayward Police Department functions and operates in serving the Hayward community. It also provides an opportunity for community members to meet individual police officers and see how they do their job.

This brochure contains the guidelines for participation in the Ride Along Program, a Ride Along Program Application, and a Declaration of Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability form.

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# Ride Along Program Guidelines

- ## WHO CAN RIDE ALONG?
  - Participants in the program must be at least 16 years old.
  - Preference in scheduling Ride Alongs is given to Hayward residents.
  - Only one Ride Along is permitted per calendar year.

- ## HOW DO I APPLY TO RIDE ALONG?
  - Applicants must fully complete the Ride Along Application.
  - To participate in the program, the Declaration of Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability must be signed by the applicant. If the applicant is under 18, both the applicant and their parent or legal guardian must sign the waiver.
  - The application and waiver forms must be submitted at least ten working days before the desired Ride Along date.
  - Incomplete applications and applications without the signed waiver will be rejected.

- ## WHEN CAN I RIDE ALONG?
  - Ride Alongs are scheduled for ten hour blocks and coincide with the different patrol shifts at the Hayward Police Department. You may ride along for less than ten hours if you so desire.
  - There is a place on the application form to request specific dates and times to ride along. We will try to schedule your ride along as requested, however there is no guarantee that your request can be accommodated.
  - We will contact you to let you know whether your application to ride along has been approved and the date and time you are scheduled to ride.
  - Please arrive on time for your scheduled ride along. If you are not here at your scheduled time your ride along may be cancelled.

- ## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR AND BRING WITH ME WHEN RIDING ALONG?
  - Riders must wear appropriate "business casual" attire which is suitable for having public contact.
  - Shirts without collars, T-shirts, tank tops, sweat shirts, jeans, shorts, short skirts, halter tops, sneakers, high heel shoes, baseball caps, beanies, and similar attire are not permissible.
  - Clothing which is similar in any way to uniforms worn by members of the Hayward Police Department and any other clothing with lettering, emblems, or similar items which might suggest the rider is a police employee are not permissible.
  - It is advisable to bring enough money with you to purchase any food or refreshments you might want to consume while you are riding along. Generally, the officer will have the opportunity to take a short break and have a lunch period while you are together. If you wish to eat or drink something during these times you are expected to pay for them yourself.

- ## RULES
  - **You must comply with the following rules. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the immediate termination or your ride and you will not be allowed to participate in the Ride Along Program in the future.**
    - Riders are observers and you will be under the direct supervision of a police employee. You must comply with all directions and orders given to you by any police employee. You are not to become involved in any incident, conversation, or altercations between police employees and the public.
    - You are expected to conduct yourself in a civil, personable, and courteous manner at all times.
    - You are to remain seated in the police vehicle unless the officer specifically tells you that you may accompany the officer. You must wear the vehicle's seat belt at all times while inside the police vehicle.
    - In the event that the officer has to respond to a potentially dangerous situation or hazardous call, you may be dropped off at a safe location away from the incident. If this occurs you will be given specific instructions to follow and the officer will arrange for another police employee to pick you up.
    - You may not carry or use any weapon while you are on a Ride Along.
    - You may not carry or use any audio recording device, any video recording device, or other camera while you are on a Ride Along.
    - You may carry a *non-camera* cellular telephone with you, but you will not be allowed to make and/or receive calls during your Ride Along except in an emergency.

# Ride Along Application and Waiver

Any person age 16 or older may be eligible for the Ride Along Program.
Hayward residents receive priority over non-Hayward residents. Only one Ride Along is permitted per calendar year.

To participate in the Ride Along Program you must sign the waiver on the reverse of this application.
If you are under 18, **both** you and your parent or legal guardian must sign the waiver.
If the waiver is not signed, your application will be rejected.

Application Date:

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Date of Birth: Age: Drivers License Number:

Address: City: State: Zip:

Home Phone: Work Phone:

Person to notify in case of an emergency:

Name: Relationship: Phone:

Have you ever been arrested? (Circle one) No Yes (If yes, list arrests in the spaces below)

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| Date: | City & State: |
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Have you ever been on a Ride Along with the Hayward Police Department before? (Circle one) No Yes

List the dates of your previous ride alongs:

I would like to Ride Along on **one** of these dates: 1._____ 2._____ 3._____

I would like the time of my Ride Along to be: (Circle one) 6:30 am - 4:30 pm 2:00 pm - 12:00 am 6:30 pm - 4:30 am

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

CORPUS Check By & Date: Warrant Check By & Date:

APPROVED DENIED/REJECTED Date: By:

Message Left By & Date: Unable to Notify By & Date:

Date & Time Assigned for Ride Along:

Assigned to Team: Officer:

# Hayward Police Department
# Ride Along Program
# Declaration of Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

I, _____, the undersigned, not being a member of the Police Department of the City of Hayward, California (hereafter "City"), have made a voluntary request for permission to ride as a guest or observer in a Hayward Police Department vehicle at a time when it is being operated and staffed by a member or members of the Hayward Police Department during the active performance of their duties as police officers.

I acknowledge that the work and activities of the Hayward Police Department are inherently dangerous and involve possible risks of injury, death, and damage or loss to person or property. I further understand such risks may arise from, but are not limited to, civil disturbances; explosions or shootings; assaults and/or battery; vehicular collisions; and the effects of wind, rain, fire, and gas. I freely and voluntarily assume all possible inherent risks, whether or not they are listed herein.

In consideration of my participation in the Ride Along Program that is the subject of this agreement, I do hereby release the City of Hayward, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability arising out of my participation in this program. I hereby voluntarily release, discharge, waive and relinquish any and all actions or cause of action for personal injury, wrongful death, or damage to property or person occurring to participant arising as a result of participation in this activity.

It is the intention of the undersigned by this instrument to exempt and relieve the above named parties from liability for personal injury or death, damage and expense of loss to person or property caused by negligence.

The undersigned acknowledges that he, she, or they have read the above four paragraphs, are fully and completely aware of the potential dangers incidental to participating in the program, and are aware of the legal consequences of signing this release of liability.

_____ _____
Signature Date

_____ _____
Signature of parent or guardian, if the participant is a minor Date