



Leander Police Department
Request for Approval to Ride in Leander Police Unit

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The purpose of the ride-along program is to allow members of the community to see what a police officer encounters while on their regular tour of duty. Currently the program allows for one ride-along unless you are a graduate of the Leander Citizen’s Police Academy or Explorer program. By completing this request form, you are consenting to a basic background and warrant check and must pass that background to be considered for the ride-along. You must be 18-years of age or older to participate in the ride-along program. A member of the Leander Police Explorer Program, who is 16 or 17 may ride out during the day shift, and any who are 18 years or older may ride out on the night shift. Should the department approve your request to ride with an officer, you must follow the lawful directions of the officer when on patrol. Failure to follow the lawful direction of the officer will result in the discontinuation of the ride-along. The ride-along is limited to 6 hours, however the officer and any appropriate supervisor may extend or discontinue the ride-along at any time that they deem it in the best interest of the department. Once this request has been processed, an officer from patrol or Explorer program, as appropriate, will contact you to schedule your ride-along. If you have any questions regarding the status of your request to ride-along, contact the community services officer.

Personal Information for Background Check

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
D.O.B. _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____ Drivers License # _____ D.L. State: _____
Home Phone: (_____) _____ Personal Occupation: _____
Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____
Email address: _____

Background Information Questionnaire

[] I am 18 years of age or older. [] I am an active LPD Explorer Member, age [] 16 or 17, [] 18 or older.
Have you ridden with this Department before? [] No [] Yes If yes, when and with who?: _____
Reason for requesting a ride-along with LPD: _____
Date Requesting to Ride: _____ Shift: [] 6AM – 6PM, [] 2PM – 2AM, [] 6PM – 6AM, Other: _____
Specific Officer Requested: _____ Relationship: _____

Administrative Office Use Only

Date Request Received: _____ Received by: (Print) _____
Applicant passed background and warrant check? [] Yes [] No If no, why?: _____
Command supervisor approval, PSD sergeant for applicants:
[] No [] Yes Signature: _____ Date: _____
Ride-along scheduled: Date: _____ Shift: [] 6AM – 6PM, [] 2PM – 2AM, [] 6PM – 6AM Other: _____
Officer assigned: (subject to change by sergeant): _____

Department Standard Operational Procedure – Chapter 28

Limited Liability Release Form

In consideration of being allowed to accompany Leander Police Officers on official patrol and otherwise participate in the Ride Along Program:

I, the undersigned, binding my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, do hereby release and agree to hold harmless, the City of Leander, its officers, agents, and employees and especially Officer _____ from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, costs or damages arising from or resulting from property damage, personal injuries or death sustained by me while participating in the rider program, whether or not such damage or injury was caused or contributed to by any acts or omissions, including negligent acts or omissions, of any other person or persons. I further agree, binding my heirs, executors administrators and assigns to indemnify the City of Leander, its agents, officers, and employees, and especially the above named officer, from and against any liability, action, claim, damage, award or judgment incurred or suffered by the above city or individuals as a result of any act or omission by me or caused in whole or in part by me while participating in the rider program whether or not also caused in part by a person indemnified hereunder. In addition, I make the following representations and acknowledgments upon which I intend the City of Leander to rely:

1. I understand and agree that while accompanying any police officer during his law enforcement tour, I am to be only an unarmed, lay observer and bystander, with no active role whatever and that I will have and am given no duties, rights, powers of authority whatever other than those conferred by law upon any other person in like or similar circumstances as may arise from time to time.
2. I realize and agree that while participating in the rider program, I will not be an agent, servant, or employee of the City of Leander and therefore will not be covered by the City of Leander for any workers compensation, death or disability benefits.
3. I realize and acknowledge that there is an element of danger inherent in riding with a police officer on duty. It is foreseeable that situations may arise at any time, suddenly and without warning, in which I may be placed in great physical danger. I knowingly and willingly agree to assume these risks. I agree that neither the City of Leander, nor any of its officers or employees shall be obligated to take any extraordinary steps to protect my person or to provide a means of withdrawal or retreat for me, and I release them from any duty to do so.
4. I agree that any information that I may gain, through participation in the program, will be used by me only for my personal education purposes except where I am summoned as a witness in any administrative or court proceeding.
5. I understand that my participation in the above named program is a privilege subject to revocation at any time by the City of Leander, whose decision in the matter will be binding.

Rider name, printed

Rider signature

Date