

# Fort Thomas Police Department



## Ride Along Information, Application and Liability Agreement

The Fort Thomas Police Department welcomes you to ride along with a Fort Thomas police officer. The ride along program has many benefits to the residents of Fort Thomas and to the Fort Thomas Police Department.

The ride along program gives residents the opportunity to get to know more of their police officers, learn about police procedures and gain a better understanding of the goals of the Fort Thomas Police Department. It is a unique way to learn more about your community.

The ride along program also benefits the Fort Thomas Police Department. The program serves as a way for officers to meet members of the community, as a tool to learn more about the residents of Fort Thomas and as a recruiting tool for potential Fort Thomas police officers.

There are several basic guidelines that must be met in order to participate in the ride along program. These guidelines were set up in order to protect the citizen riding with the police officer, officers and the public.

1. You may not carry weapons of any kind during the ride along. This prohibition of weapons includes persons authorized to carry concealed weapons by permit. (Exception: other law enforcement officers)
2. Male riders shall wear a shirt with a collar, slacks and shoes. Jeans and shorts are not allowed. In the event of inclement weather, the supervisor of the shift may relax the dress code.
3. Female riders shall wear the same. Dresses, shoes with heels and large purses are also discouraged.
4. Recording devices, whether audio or visual, are not allowed. (Exception: authorized media)
5. During your ride you may witness events that will be introduced to the criminal justice system. You may be identified in the police report as a witness to the event. It is probable that you will then be subpoenaed to appear in court to testify to the event that you witnessed. By agreeing to participate in the ride along program, you agree to attend all court cases to which you receive a subpoena. Additionally, you will not receive any compensation from the City of Fort Thomas to attend court hearings.
6. In some instances it may be known that the call to which the officer is enroute to is hazardous. Threats also may approach the officer unannounced. Your presence with the officer or your presence in the police vehicle may increase your risk to injury or death. Although every action will be taken to protect you, there are no guarantees. Your acceptance to ride is your acknowledgment of these risks.
7. If, for any reason, the officer determines there to be a conflict of interest, jeopardy, or undue interference with his or her tasks, at his or her discretion, the officer may terminate the ride along and return you to the station. The officer may also terminate the ride along if he or she believes that the rider is in imminent danger by continuing the ride along.
8. Law enforcement is a career of confidentiality. Officers return home every night and are unable to tell even their spouses of many of the days events because we honor this right to confidentiality. With and without the consent of those involved, police officers enter people's private lives. You are expected to maintain confidentiality of all you see and hear during your ride along.
9. **Notice:** A criminal history check and other routine investigative methods may be utilized to check your background prior to allowing you to participate in the ride along program. By signing below, you give the Fort Thomas Police Department permission to do these checks.

**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you prefer to do the ride along? Below are the hours for each shift. While you are not required to ride along for an entire shift, it is recommended that you begin the ride along at the beginning of the officer's shift.

First shift works from 6:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Second shift works from 2:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

Third shift works from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am.

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**I certify that I have read and agree to comply with the above regulations.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_