

COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

William H. Anspach, III, Chief of Police

Citizen Ride-A-Long Regulations

1. Be at least 18 years old or 15 years old and a Crime Solvers Board Member.
2. Pass a criminal history and DMV check.
3. Wear business attire. Blue jeans, shorts, sandals, and/or tee-shirts are not permitted.
4. The participant will remain with the assigned officer throughout the shift, unless otherwise directed by a supervisor.
5. If asked, the participant shall identify themselves as a citizen observer.
6. The participant will not be actively involved in any police function.
7. In an emergency, the participant will reasonably provide for their personal safety and take no other action.
8. The participant will not be armed in any fashion, unless as an active law enforcement officer.
9. Unless given permission by the host officer, the observer will stay in the vehicle.
10. Misconduct or failure to follow police directions will result in immediate termination of the ride along session and will jeopardize future participation.
11. Observers shall not interfere with investigations in any way by conversing with victims, suspects, or witnesses, handling evidence or equipment, or participating in any enforcement activity unless directed to so by the host officer per Virginia Code §18.2463.
12. Immediate family members of and/or a person romantically involved with an officer may ride twice per calendar year.
13. Cameras, recorders or any other device used to capture audio or video are prohibited from use while participating, unless prior approval has been granted by the Chief of Police or his designee.
14. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that it is a violation of the Fourth Amendment for law enforcement officers to bring third parties into a home during the execution of a warrant, when the presence of the third parties in the home is not in aid of the execution of the warrant. The officer may allow third party entries when they are in aid of the execution of the warrant, and are approved by a supervisor.
15. The participant will complete the entire Ride-A-Long Application packed and submit it to the Colonial Heights Police Department five (5) working days before he/she desires to ride. This does not apply to Citizen Academy Students or Citizen Academy Alumni.
16. Observers must wear a seat belt and shoulder strap when riding in a City vehicle.
17. Observers shall not smoke or use smokeless tobacco during the Ride-A-Long.

I have read the above regulations and agree to comply with all.

Participant name (print): _____

Participant signature: _____ Date: _____