

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT Ride-Along Program

Rules of Conduct

The **PARTICIPANT** shall wear business casual attire. The casual attire shall include dress slacks, shirts, casual button front shirt, polo style, sweaters, or turtleneck. Footwear shall include loafers, boots, flat-low heeled shoes, or leather deck shoes. Athletic shoes, sweats, jeans, warm ups, form fitting pants, stretch pants and t-shirts are not permitted. The participant shall be neatly attired and groomed or will not be permitted to participate in the Ride-Along Program.

The **PARTICIPANT** shall not be under the influence of any illegal drug or alcohol while participating in the Ride-Along Program.

The **PARTICIPANT** should not participate in the Ride-Along Program if under a doctor-prescribed medication that induces sleep or otherwise alters alertness. The Ride-Along may be rescheduled.

The **PARTICIPANT** should not participate in the Ride-Along Program if feeling under the weather or is suffering from a physical condition (i.e. pregnancy, heart condition) that may be exacerbated if placed under stressful circumstances. The Ride-Along may be rescheduled.

The **PARTICIPANT** shall be under the command of the assigned officer, and shall comply with all instructions given by the officer.

Cameras, recording devices, and weapons are strictly forbidden on the Ride-Along.

The **PARTICIPANT** shall not interfere with officers while in the performance of their duties. If at all possible, the **PARTICIPANT** is to avoid becoming directly involved in any physical altercations or arrest situations unless given a specific order by a police officer.

The **PARTICIPANT** is to respect the privacy of any suspect, defendant, or victim that is encountered during the Ride-Along, and to respect the confidentiality of the sensitive information that may be disclosed during the Ride-Along. Dialogue with suspects, defendants, or victims is discouraged, unless instructed to do so by the assigned officer.

The **PARTICIPANT** shall remain inside the police car, unless otherwise instructed by the assigned officer.

The **PARTICIPANT** who violates any of the Rules of Conduct may, at the discretion of the assigned officer, be returned to Police Headquarters.

The **PARTICIPANT** will be required to complete a written evaluation of the Ride-Along Program experience at the conclusion of the tour of duty.

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