



Roanoke County Police Department

OBSERVER PROGRAM APPLICATION / WAIVER FORM

Academy Observer
Applicant Observer
Citizen Observer

Communication Observer
Intern Observer

The Citizen Observer Program is designed to allow citizens to gain a realistic view of the law enforcement operations of the Roanoke County Police Department. It is our hope that the insight gained by participating in this program will be both informative and enjoyable. The following information is required to begin the application process. Please complete both sides of this form.

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____
Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: (Home) _____ (Business/cell): _____

Occupation: _____

If student, name of school attending: _____

Person to notify in case of emergency:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Address: _____

Do you have any medical conditions that might affect your ability to participate in the program?

No Yes

If yes, please explain:

Date Requested: _____ Hours Requested: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

1. Representatives normally include members of a business or civic group, applicants for the position of Police Officer in Roanoke County, or are sponsored by a Roanoke County police officer.
2. Eighteen (18) years of age or older. If applicant is under 18 years of age, permission is necessary from legal guardian.
3. No participation in the program within the past twelve months, unless an applicant for police officer with the Roanoke County Police Department.
4. Participants are required to dress in proper attire.
5. Follow all instructions by the officer during the program. No interference with the performance of the officer shall be permitted.
6. The Citizen Observer Program shall be conducted at times that are convenient to the operations of the Police Department.
7. A supervisory officer may terminate the program at any time during participation.
8. Participants are required to conduct themselves in a mature, professional manner at all times.
9. The citizen observer shall not be armed.
10. Participants who are asked to identify themselves while riding should explain that they are a citizen observer.
11. Video, audio, and/or photographic recording by any means by a participant during a ride-along is not permitted. Failing to comply with this instruction is cause for immediate termination of the ride-along and will serve as cause for requests for future ride-alongs by the participant to be denied. The officer reserves the right to require the participant to turn off any electronic devices during the ride-along.

I certify that I understand the requirements and responsibilities of participants in this program; and that I am aware of the potential risk involved with accompanying an officer during the performance of his/her duties. In consideration of the Roanoke County Police Department granting permission to enter in or upon any premises or vehicles which are under its actual care of constructive or passive control, I hereby waive all claims to damage or loss to my person or property which may be caused by any act, or failure to act, of the Roanoke County Police Department, its officers, agents or employees. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions in, upon or about the premises or vehicles and waive any and all notice of existence of such conditions.

All information, conversations, or documents I may be exposed to, whether obtained while participating in the observer program or gathered while doing any assigned project or research shall be confidential. I further understand and agree not to disseminate this information, either verbally or in writing. This is to include any aspect of any investigation or criminal incident or the mere existence of an arrest record of which I may have knowledge because of my involvement with the Roanoke County Police Department. I will not divulge any information acquired from the NCIC/VCIN terminal or any department file (arrest or otherwise) to any person not having a legal right to said information. The unauthorized dissemination by me or any information of the Roanoke County Police Department observer program may subject me to criminal prosecution or civil action.

Applicant's Legal Guardian

Date

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Interviewed By

Unit #

Date

Applicant Approved By

Unit #

Date

Assigned Officer

Unit #

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY



CCH/DMV

Unit # _____



No Previous Ride Along in the Last 12 Months