



BRAINTREE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy and Procedure

Ride Along

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Procedures

Individuals may ride along with an officer provided the following guidelines are followed:

- A. No individual shall enter a police cruiser or accompany an officer on any patrol for the purposes of observing police action without the expressed permission of the Chief of Police. A completed BPD Ride Along Request and Release/Covenant Not to Sue must be submitted and approved by the Chief of Police or his/her designee prior to the ride along commencing.
- B. The individual will be made aware of the inherent danger of riding in a marked police car.
- C. The Shift Commander will be made aware of the approved request and will make arrangements to comply with it. Officers have the right to decline taking a ride along out for a tour of duty.
- D. Officers who have a ride along with him/her will comply with Massachusetts General Laws regarding the operation of a motor vehicle.
- E. All individuals riding in a patrol vehicle will be seat belted. Any refusal to comply with this policy will result in the termination of the ride along. **[41.3.3]**
- F. If a situation develops where the officer is needed at a scene that may endanger the individual on the ride along patrol he/she may be told to exit the patrol vehicle. If possible, the transfer should be done at the police

station; however, in emergency situations this may not be possible.

- G. Pursuits are unauthorized when an officer has an individual with them on a ride along patrol.
- H. Individuals on ride along patrols are not allowed into any residence.
- I. Individuals on a ride along patrol may exit the cruiser at the discretion of the officer, but must stay in the cruiser when instructed to do so. Failure to comply with an officer's instruction to stay inside the cruiser will result in the termination of the ride along patrol.
- J. Individuals who wish to participate in a ride along are subject to a CORI check.
- K. Individuals participating in a ride along are not allowed to carry firearms.
- L. Individuals on a ride along patrol will be warned prior to its start to respect the civil rights of all members of the public. They will also be warned that failure to do so will not only result in the termination of such patrol, but also that the offending individual will incur all liability regarding any violation.

