



# Spindale Police Department

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## Ride-Along Rules and Guidelines

1. All participants who have been approved for the program will be briefed on the guidelines of the program before the beginning of each duty tour. If the participant has any questions, they should ask before the tour begins.
2. All persons authorized to ride in patrol vehicles may accompany officers **ONLY** as passengers/observers. Participants will **NOT** participate in law enforcement actions, assisting in conducting investigations, or perform any law enforcement task or functions. This rule does not apply to Sworn Officers riding as such. Participants may be asked, but are not required to assist the officer, but only in the event of an **extreme emergency**.
3. Participants are not permitted to operate patrol vehicles, handle or possess firearms or other weapons, or use any other equipment issues by the Spindale Police Department. Participants may only use communications equipment in the event of an **extreme emergency**.
4. Participants are required to be at least 18 years of age, unless otherwise approved for educational purposes.
5. Participants will wear civilian clothing while participating in the Ride-Along program.
6. Participants are **NOT** allowed to possess their own firearm or any other weapon during the ride-along.
7. Situations may arise that could expose the participant to danger, violence, or other hazardous conditions. In such cases, the officer will exercise discretion and will have the authority to temporarily leave the participant at a suitable location while responding to and handling the call.
8. Participants may request to ride with specific officers and officers may request to have specific riders with them. However, the assignment of riders will be decided by the lieutenant and/or shift supervisor.
9. All participants, especially members of the media, must follow strict privacy policies. Any information saw, or heard during the ride-along should not be disseminated to anyone in any way without specific permission from the Chief of Police.
10. Generally participants are limited to 3 ride-alongs per 6 month period and only one participant is allowed to ride along per shift, unless otherwise determined by the Chief or his designee.
11. Participants are not allowed to consume any impairing substance for at least 8 hours prior to the scheduled ride-along.

**Any violation of these guidelines or any other unbecoming act by the participant will result in immediate termination of the ride-along. Officers or their shift supervisors may, at any time, terminate the ride-along without explanation. It will be up to the Chief or his designee if the participant gets another ride-along with a different officer.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the guidelines above. I recognize that the ride along program is a privilege that can be revoked at any time for acts deemed inappropriate by officers of the Spindale Police Department. I will at all times, unless specifically requested by an officer during an emergency situation, adhere to the above listed guidelines.

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*Signature of Participant*

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*Date*