



Urbana Police Ride-Along Program

The Urbana Police Department energetically promotes citizen participation in the Urbana Police ride along program. We ask that citizens interested in participating be in college-level criminal justice programs or high school job shadowing programs to participate. We also encourage any and all citizens to participate in the program that want to receive an up close view at how the Urbana Police Department operates.

- All citizens who are interested in the program must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or have written consent from their parent or legal guardian. No one under the age of sixteen (16) will be allowed to participate even with written consent.
- Participation in the ride along program can be conducted on any of our three shifts, which consist of 7 AM to 7 PM, 3 PM to 3 AM and 7 PM to 7 AM. The ride along can be for a maximum of 8 hours.
- If interested in participating in the ride along program, you must send the ride along coordinator, Sgt. Loschen an email at loschejm@urbanaininois.us. Sgt. Loschen can be reached at the above email or by leaving a voice mail at 217-384-2324 ext.751. If you choose to leave a voicemail, please include your name, date and time you called along with your contact number.
- After receiving an email or voicemail from an interested participant, a computer check will be conducted. This computer check is similar to a background check since officers work with restricted and sensitive materials at the Urbana Police Department. The coordinator will also review your recent police contacts if any, to determine if you are accepted into the program.
- If an individual is selected to be a part of the Urbana Police ride along program, the coordinator will contact the participant and schedule him or her for a mutually agreed upon time. The participant must also be willing to complete the **ASSUMPTION OF RISKS & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**, which is mandatory and maintained in our Services Division.
- All participants in the program should dress appropriately. No participant will be allowed to wear torn, soiled or dirty clothing. The participant will also not be allowed to wear any clothing that displays any language or symbols that are profane, gang-related or offensive. We require that all persons riding along be dressed in business casual attire, including slacks, collared shirt, an undershirt (for both men and women), and shoes. Unauthorized clothing includes dresses, skirts, high heeled shoes, sandals and open-toed shoes, t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, baseball caps, halter and sleeveless tops, jeans, sports logo attire, shorts and clothing with holes or tears. Please consider the weather also. If the coordinator or any command staff deems the participant's clothing to be unacceptable, the participant will not be allowed to ride along and be asked to reschedule.

