

# Cass County Sheriff's Office

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## Application for Ride-Along Program

The individual requesting to ride-along must read and complete both the front and back in its entirety.

Full Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Physical) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Spouse or Immediate Family) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Address and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name, Address, and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Requested (If a preference or if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested to Ride-Along \_\_\_\_\_

Shift Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Day Shift (0700 – 1900)  
Night Shift (1900-0700)

Assigned Date: _____
Day of Week: _____
Squad Assigned: _____
Officer/District: _____

History Checked By _____
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Have you previously participated in the Cass County Sheriff's Office Ride-Along Program?

Yes  No

Are you related to any member of the Cass County Sheriff's Office?

Yes  No

If yes, state relationship \_\_\_\_\_

I have never been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony crime.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over 18 years of age?  Yes  No

Are you a citizen of the United States?  Yes  No

Are you in good general physical Health?  Yes  No

Category Applicable to me: (Select only one)

- Law Enforcement Officer
- County Employee
- Internship
- News Media
- Citizen

Office Use Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Patrol Lieutenant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Captain	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
_____ Sheriff	

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## Release

I acknowledge that I have requested permission from the Cass County Sheriff's Office to accompany Cass County Deputies and/or the Sheriff, in the performance of their duties both in Sheriff's Office vehicles and outside such vehicles. I am aware of the various dangers involved in law enforcement, and aware that Sheriff's Office vehicles are frequently operated under emergency conditions. I am also aware that accompanying deputies and/or Sheriff in performance of their duties may frequently expose me to various and sundry perils to life and limb due to the actions of criminal suspects, prisoners, and other such persons.

Being fully aware of the inherent dangers in the activities in which I propose to engage, I do hereby release, remise, give up, and abandon each and every claim, cause of action, or other right, which I may now or hereafter have against the County of Cass, State of Missouri, The Cass County Sheriff's Office, or any Deputy, agent, employee, or servant thereof, or any Office, bureau division, section, unit or elected officer of Cass County, resulting or to result from my accompanying of Cass County Deputies and/or the Sheriff in the performance of their official duties, whether in a Sheriff's Office vehicle or in any other situation. This release is given in consideration of my being allowed to accompany Cass County Deputies and/or the Sheriff in performance of their official duties.

Further, I have read and agree to abide by all rules for the ride-along program, and I shall promptly and expeditiously obey all orders of all Cass County Deputies and/or the Sheriff.

Further, I declare that I have never been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony, and I do not have any case pending involving a serious misdemeanor or a felony. I also authorize the Cass County Sheriff's Office to perform a background check, including a criminal history and Department of Revenue (driving record) check to verify that all statements given in this application and release are in fact true.

I certify that I have fully read and that understand the provisions of this release which is executed

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Month Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

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## Ride-Along Program Rules

1. Promptly and quickly obey all commands of all Cass County Sheriff's Deputies, the Sheriff, or other law enforcement officers.
2. Applicants must read and sign the application and release in its entirety, one week prior to the requested date of the ride-along, and in the presence of a Cass County Sheriff's Office employee.
3. The applicant must show photo identification that is issued by a state or federal government agency to a Cass County Sheriff's Office employee at the time they sign the application and release.
4. The participant is required to prominently display the ride-along participant ID card at all times while participating in the ride-along program. The ID card will be maintained at the Sheriff's Office at all times while not being used and is the property of the Cass County Sheriff's Office.
5. Participants are allowed to ride three times during a year and no more than once in any given thirty-day period. Exception to this are as follows: News Media, Law Enforcement Officers from other jurisdictions, county employees, or participants in an internship program with the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Regardless of any exceptions, each ride-along event must be approved and an application and release must be completed.
6. The participant must be in good physical health and have the ability to escape danger if need be.
7. Generally, female participants will ride with female Deputies and male participants will ride with male Deputies.
8. Participants shall not record or video when participating in the ride-along program. Further, participants shall not bring with them any equipment that may be used to record or video in any form. (This rule does not apply to news media personnel.)
9. Participants must submit to a search of their person and/or any belongings brought with them at any time during the ride-along event if any Cass County Sheriff's Deputy or the Sheriff makes such a request.
10. Participants shall not have any weapons with them or in their possession. (Law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions may, at the discretion of the shift supervisor, be permitted to carry their firearm. If such permission is granted, the weapon must be completely concealed.) Cass County commissioned Deputies from other divisions will be allowed to carry weapons.
11. Participants shall have their seat belt properly secured at all times while the vehicle they are riding in is in motion.

12. Participants shall not use the radio except in cases of extreme emergency when the deputy is not able to. (Cass County Commissioned Deputies or dispatchers may use the radio at the discretion of the host Deputy.)
13. Participants will wear casual slacks or neat jeans, and a shirt with a collar. Dresses, skirts, T-shirts, shorts, sweats, or any article of clothing displaying rude or offensive logos are expressly prohibited. Shoes should be comfortable with a non-slip type of sole. (No high heels.) Tattoos must be covered in their entirety. The shift supervisor will make the final determination as to whether a participant's dress is acceptable.
14. Participants shall not identify themselves as law enforcement officers, either visually or verbally (even if they indeed are law enforcement officers).
15. Participants shall not become directly involved in any law enforcement activity unless specifically requested to do so by a Deputy or other law enforcement officer, or in cases of extreme emergency, at their own discretion.
16. Appropriate protective clothing should be brought by the participant for applicable weather conditions. (Participants may have to be out in inclement weather conditions for extended period of time.)
17. The host Deputy will notify dispatch that they have a civilian rider prior to going in service.
18. The host Deputy will determine when it is acceptable for the participant to exit the vehicle, prior to the participant exiting the vehicle. (i.e. on traffic stops or calls for service)
19. The host Deputy may suspend a ride-along event at any time and return the participant to the Sheriff's Office.
20. Participants will not be on private property against the will of the owner, and will not be allowed to participate in any search warrant.
21. Participants will not be allowed to freely discuss any observed activity that are of a confidential nature outside of the Sheriff's Office.
22. Participants will respect the privacy of victims and witnesses, and shall under no circumstances be involved in any conversation with any suspect or prisoner.
23. Any participant, who is injured, no matter how slight, shall immediately notify their host Deputy of such injury.
24. Participants shall report to the Patrol Sergeant or Shift Supervisor ten minutes prior to the beginning of the shift they have been approved to ride-along with. Participants will normally be expected to ride the entire shift in order to cause as little inconvenience as possible. Exceptions will be evaluated on a case by case basis.