

Brea Police Department

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

Information

The Brea Police Department makes every effort to create partnerships with members of our communities so that we may work together to make Brea a safe and enjoyable place to live and work. The Ride-along Program exists to try to accomplish that goal. The program allows interested members of our community the opportunity to ride with one of our patrol officers during a portion of his or her regular duty. Currently, the Ride-Along Program is open to applicants for employment with the Brea Police Department and Brea Police Department affiliates only.

Under these conditions the safety of our riders is our primary concern. In order to provide optimum safety to our ride-along participants, the following rules and guidelines are in place:

1. Persons requesting a ride-along should be: applicants for employment at the Brea Police Department; Recruits currently enrolled in a police academy; members of the Brea Police Citizen Academy; or other affiliates of the Brea Police Department.
2. Ride-along participants must be 14 years of age or older.
3. Ride Along times are either 9AM-1PM or 7PM-11PM.
4. All appropriate forms (Application, Waiver – Consent) from must be signed by the participant (and parent or guardian if a minor) prior to the ride-along.
5. Upon receipt of a Ride-along Application, a criminal record check will be completed on the applicant through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. Where it is not in the best interests of the applicant or the department, the application to ride-along will be denied.
6. The program coordinator will set the day and time of the ride-along after receipt of the application. Every effort will be made to schedule a ride-along at the requested day and time.
7. Cameras and recording equipment may not be taken or used during the ride-a-along.
8. Participants may be exposed to privileged and confidential information and must agree not to discuss such information with anyone.
9. Unless authorized to do so, participants shall not review any official report or record of the Brea Police Department.
10. While riding with a patrol officer, participants will not leave the immediate protection and safety of the patrol car unless otherwise directed by the officer. Participants must obey the directives of the officer at all times.
11. If the officer is required to respond to a potentially dangerous call, he or she may let the ride-along participant out of the patrol car at the first convenient, safe location. The participant is to remain at that location until picked up by another police officer.
12. It is important to us that we maintain a neat and orderly image so we ask riders to wear appropriate attire.
13. Because of the popularity of this program, we must limit the number of times one can ride to no more than once every six months, and only if it does not interfere with first-time riders.
14. Deviations to these guidelines may be made with specific permission of the on-duty police watch commander.

The Ride-along Program is intended to be an informative and educational experience, and it is certainly our privilege to provide this opportunity to those who are interested. It is another important way of providing a needed channel of communication between members of our community and members of the Brea Police Department.

Adam Hawley
Chief of Police