

TIPS FOR A GREAT RIDE-ALONG EXPERIENCE



Who to talk to when you arrive: When you arrive at the district police station, the first person you are likely to speak with will be the front desk officer. Please let them know that you are there for the ride-along.

What to expect: The front desk officer will verify your ride-along appointment and give you a liability waiver to sign. You will also be provided a safety vest to wear for your protection on a ride-along. You may bring a shirt or a t-shirt to wear over your vest. You may also ask the front desk officer to provide you with a BPD recruitment brochure if you are interested in careers with BPD. You may have to wait for a few minutes for the police roll-call to get completed before a patrol officer comes and takes you on a ride-along. The typical wait time is 30-40 minutes.

What to wear: Please wear comfortable business casual clothing and sneakers (or any close toe shoes). Avoid overly formal attire such as suits. Do not wear flip-flops or shorts or midriff shirts. Do not wear attire that would be confused with a police uniform.

Parking:

- If your ride-along is in Eastern/Northern/ Northeastern/ Northwestern/Southeastern districts, parking is available on-site in the front or back parking lot
- If your ride-along is in the Central/Western/Southern/ Southwestern districts, please use street parking.

Do not bring cameras (nor use cellphones) for taking photos or recording videos during a ride-along as it is not permitted.

Do not carry any equipment used by law enforcement such as handcuffs, tasers, mace sprays, etc. and strictly **NO weapons.**

Do not carry water bottles. Make sure you are well hydrated before you go on the ride-along.