**Applicants requesting the opportunity to participate in a ride along with the Hooksett Police Department must read in full the rules and regulations, sign a waiver of liability, and an application before proceeding with the process.**

Citizen Ride Along Rules and Regulations

1. Individuals participating in a ride along are meant to be a passive observer, meaning that the individual shall not become involved with any situation at any point during the ride along, verbally or physically, unless requested to by the officer.
2. Individuals who are participating in a ride along are to remain inside the police vehicle at all times unless otherwise instructed by the officer they are riding with.
3. Participants of the ride along are to adhere to all instructions of the officer for his or her own safety as well as the safety of the officer.
4. Due to the unpredictability of police work, individuals may be inadvertently exposed to potentially dangerous situations, participants will be required to wear protective ballistic vest.
5. Individuals must be at least 18 years of age to participate in a ride along. There is no exceptions for anyone under the required age unless authorized by the Chief of Police.
6. Individuals participating in a ride along may be exposed to, evidence, statements, identities, or other personal information during the ride along. This information is to be kept confidential in nature. While note taking is permitted during the ride along, any photography or recording of any kind, audio or video, is prohibited unless approved prior to the ride along.
7. Under no circumstances is the ride along permitted to carry a weapon of any kind, regardless of New Hampshire laws.
8. Participants hold the right to terminate the ride along if he or she wishes to do so, and will be returned to the station as soon as practicable.
9. Individuals are expected to present themselves in a professional manner during the ride along program. Business casual is considered appropriate attire for individuals engaging in the ride along program. Jeans, shorts, spandex, leggings, T-shirts, sweatpants, or baseball hats are not considered appropriate attire.
10. The ride along is based on the discretion of the officers of Hooksett Police Department; officers hold the right to terminate the ride along if the participant fails to adhere to the rules and regulations or threatens the best practice of the department, or if it is in the best interest of the ride along.
11. Applications must be turned in 48 hours before the requested ride along date at the Police Department with a valid ID. Background Checks will be conducted on all applicants, and those with extensive criminal histories will not be permitted to participate in a ride along.