



# Welcome

You are scheduled to ride along with Officer \_\_\_\_\_ on his/her assigned tour of duty on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m. to \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m. Please arrive at the Newport Police Department at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m. Check in at the Lobby Window (during business hours); after hours use the telephone at the north end of City Hall to contact Dispatch and advise them you are scheduled for a ride-along. The officer with whom you will be riding will meet you. It is important that you arrive promptly at the scheduled time, as the officer may not be able to wait for you.

So that your Ride-Along experience may be as informative as possible, and still allow the officer to perform his/her duty without interference, we ask that you familiarize yourself with the information contained in this booklet prior to reporting for your assigned tour.



We appreciate the opportunity to show you a small part of Newport Police Department in action, and hope that your ride-along will prove to be a useful and very interesting experience. We welcome your feedback and comments.

Jason Malloy  
Chief of Police



## ABOUT THE OFFICER

A Newport Police Officer undergoes written and physical testing, an oral interview, psychological evaluation, and a background check before being selected to attend intensive academic and practical training at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Police Academy in Salem. Officers in Oregon are required to complete the 16-week academy within one year of being hired.

While attending the academy, they study criminal and traffic laws, patrol tactics, and ethics; they engage in such skills training as defensive tactics, firearms, and driving. During the final week of their training they must pass “Patrol Week”, where all acquired knowledge and skills are put to the test in the form of scenarios.

After graduating from the Academy, the officer continues his/her training through the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP). This is a 17-week training program with specially-trained Field Training Officers (FTO) who assist the new officer in applying all the skills learned at the Police Academy. The FTO evaluates performance on a daily basis, covering more than 32 categories. Upon successful completion of the FTEP, an officer is assigned a patrol shift, and fully takes on the duties of a patrol officer.

## BODYCAM

Every Newport Police officer wears an Axon body camera which records more than 12 hours of audio and HD video on a single battery charge. The bodycam can be activated manually as well as wireless activation with events such as opening the car door or activating the light bar. The audio feature has an option to mute in circumstances to support dual-party consent.



## LIGHTS

The vehicle in which you will be riding is equipped with an overhead light bar with flashing red and blue lights. Additionally, patrol vehicles have side-mounted high intensity LED lights, and two spotlights.



Generally, an officer will use the emergency lights to pull over a traffic violator, when responding to emergency calls, and when parked at the scene of a traffic crash or other emergency. Most calls to which an officer responds do not require the use of emergency lights. Routine calls may be reached in a matter of minutes by the officer driving at normal speed.

## OTHER EQUIPMENT

**In the trunk of each patrol vehicle are a First Aid Kit, a blanket, a fire extinguisher, flares, a tape measure, fingerprint kit, and other items the officer may use in his/her work, plus the spare tire and tools.**

## PATROL AREAS

The City is divided into two sections: north and south. One unit is assigned to each of the sections and will generally handle the calls in that area. Additional units are assigned to the entire city and will handle calls in both north and south sections, and will respond as a back-up unit when needed.

## CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

You may also be interested in our Citizens' Police Academy, held biennially. The 10-week Citizens' Police Academy provides an exciting opportunity for community members to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of local law enforcement. Attendees learn directly from our police personnel on such topics as Patrol Procedures, Criminal Investigations, Officer Safety and Defensive Tactics, TASER, Use of Deadly Force with a Firearms Training Simulator, Internal Affairs Investigations, Drug Detection Dog demonstration, Traffic Law and Enforcement, Vehicle Pursuits, Civil Disturbance Response, Social Media in Law Enforcement, and our Newport Police Volunteer Program.

It is designed to give the participants an overview of the various aspects of the Newport Police Department's function and operational procedures.



The Citizens' Police Academy is limited to 25 participants, age 16 and older. Students attend a two-hour class once each week, and one Saturday class at the firearms range. There is no cost to participate in the Academy. Check our website for the next Citizens' Police Academy at <https://newportoregon.gov/dept/npd/cpa.asp>

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## WHAT YOU WILL BE OBSERVING

The Newport Police Department is a 24-hour a day operation. Patrol officers normally work a 12-hour tour on a rotating shift basis. Rotation between day shift and night shift occurs every two months.

Normally, the majority of calls an officer handles are given by the dispatcher, but the officer is also responsible for handling those situations he/she encounters “on sight” during patrol. The officer constantly keeps the dispatcher aware of his/her activity and location, even during routine traffic stops. This procedure allows the dispatcher and other patrol units to know the officer’s location in the event of serious trouble.

During your ride-along, please remain inside the patrol vehicle unless the officer instructs you to do otherwise.



There are certain calls an officer may respond to that will require a second unit as a back-up. The officer you are riding with will explain this type of call to you. Some calls may also require the presence of a sergeant.

## SIREN

Sirens are used only on ‘Code 3’ (emergency) responses. The siren control box is equipped with selectors to vary the tone and intensity of the siren. The officer will show you where each emergency device is located and how each is operated.

## AR-15 RIFLE

The AR-15 rifle is a lightweight, 5.56 mm, air-cooled, gas-operated, magazine-fed semi-automatic rifle, with a rotating-lock bolt, actuated by direct impingement gas operation. It is manufactured with the extensive use of aluminum alloys and synthetic materials.



## SCREEN

A protective screen separates the front and back seats of most of the patrol units. The screen is there to protect the officer from attack from the rear of the vehicle when he/she transports a prisoner.

## RADAR UNITS

Each vehicle is equipped with a speed control device known as radar. Radar units consist of a radio transmitter and receiver. They send out a radio signal in a narrow beam, and then receive the same signal back after it bounces off the target object. Due to a phenomenon called the Doppler effect, if the object is moving toward or away from the gun, the frequency of the reflected radio waves when they come back is different from the transmitted waves, and from that difference the radar calculates the object's speed.



Radar units may be hand-held, vehicle-mounted or static. NPD utilizes the MPH Bee III and the Talon hand-held radar unit, and LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) laser in some vehicles.

The radar unit is calibrated daily by the officer at the beginning of his/her shift.



## ABOUT THE VEHICLE

### Ford Police Interceptor

The Police Interceptor is the law enforcement version of the Ford Explorer. It is one of the most widely used automobiles in law enforcement.



The Ford Police Interceptor has a preemptive full-time Intelligent AWD System and is standard on the Police Interceptor Utility. It has been specifically designed and calibrated to complement pursuit driving. By distributing torque to all four wheels, the Intelligent AWD System provides improved handling stability and traction in challenging driving conditions.

All engine and transmission tuning parameters have been programmed specifically for pursuit driving. The transmission gearing will track with the driver's maneuvers to optimize response and performance. No additional input is required from the driver – the system automatically detects when the vehicle is in pursuit mode and acts accordingly.

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### The Ford Police Interceptor Utility

The Ford Police Interceptor Utility (FPIU) is a police SUV based on the Ford Explorer. It is designed to be durable and withstand the rigors of police work. The 2023 model has a 3.3L V6 Direct-Injection Hybrid System that produces 318 horsepower. It has a 10-speed automatic transmission. The FPIU has regenerative 4-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock brakes (ABS) and has a strut front suspension with coil springs and a multi-link rear suspension with coil springs. The FPIU has front-door tethers, a specially tuned braking system, and Level IV+ Ballistic Door Panels.



The FPIU has a tilt/telescoping steering wheel with four user-configurable switches. It has a Police Accessory Independent Timed-Release Output (PAITRO) system for the cargo area.

The FPIU is designed to keep police officers safe, comfortable, and ready for action.

## RADIO

A Kenwood multi-frequency two-way radio is installed in each vehicle, allowing patrol officers to communicate with each other and with the dispatcher at WVCC (Willamette Valley Communications Center). Officers also carry hand-held Kenwood units on their duty belt and have an easy-access speaker microphone to speak. The officers wear an earpiece in order to listen to dispatch with privacy while in the public eye.



Radio communications are given in clear speech to avoid any confusion, and allow communication between other agencies. Some codes are used in certain circumstances.

Radio designation numbers for personnel are assigned in order to distinguish which agency they work with. Newport Police Department radio numbers are in the 600 series. The unit you will be riding in will be referred to by the officer's individual number. You may write his/her number down here \_\_\_\_\_ in the event you may need it to communicate in an emergency.

The officer will explain the operation of the police radio and show you how to operate the equipment in the event of an emergency. The police radio is very busy, so as a courtesy to the officer with whom you will be riding, please limit your conversation during broadcasts so that he/she may be aware of all radio communication. In addition to assisting the officer, you will find that listening to the radio will give you a much better overall picture of what is happening, not only in the particular area in which you will be riding, but in all of Lincoln County.