RIDE-A-LONG PROGRAM

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City of Watsonville
Police Department
P.O. Box 1930
Watsonville, CA 95077

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WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE.

In consideration of the permission granted to me by the City of Watsonville, California, to accompany officers at the Watsonville Police Department, while in performance of their duties, (I and my parents or legal guardian, if minor), hereby waive all claims for damage/loss to my person/property which may be caused by an act or omission of the City of Watsonville, it's officers, agents, or employees. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions or occurrences which may be encountered during said ride-a-long and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions or occurrences.

Further, I hereby covenant not to sue the City of Watsonville, it's agents, officers, or employees for any claims arising out of any act or condition occurring during said patrol. In addition, I realize that is privilege can be revoked at any time and that past arrests can prohibit me from participating in said program.

It is the policy of the department to allow residents who are interested in the duties, mission organization of the department to participate in the Ride-A-Long program. The department has the right to refuse any applicant's application in the police Ride-A-Long program.

READ THIS DOCUMENT COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING

NOTE: ((The signature of a parent or guardian is required for those guests under 18 yrs.)

NAME:_____

DATE OF BIRTH/AGE:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____

STATE:_____

PHONE:_____

ORGANIZATION/SCHOOL:_____

DATE OF APPLICATION:_____

PREFERRED DATE / TIME TO RIDE:

_____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE:

_____

DATE:_____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

_____

DATE:_____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED:

❑ **YES** ❑ **NO**

TYPE OF OFFENSE:_____

DATE OF ARREST:_____

WHAT AGENCY MADE ARREST:

_____

PLEASE EXPLAIN:_____

_____

_____

DEPARTMENT USE:

APPROVED/DENIED BY:_____

DATE:_____

WATCH COMMANDER:_____

DATE:_____

OFFICER ASSIGNED:_____

DATE:_____

Return completed form to:

Operations Division
P.O. Box 1930
Watsonville, CA. 95077
PHONE: 831-768-3320

Applicants must wait for confirmation before riding. Limit of one (1) ride-a-long per year.

Allow two (2) weeks for approval.

Please wear appropriate attire for Ride-A-Long.

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Civilian Observer Rules

The following rules of dress and conduct must be obeyed prior to and during the ride-along or observation period. Civilian observers MUST read and initial each rule prior to the approval of the Ride-Along Waiver of Liability form.

1. _____ Civilian observers are required to be properly bathed and groomed.

2. _____ Civilian observers must be properly dressed. (No shorts, no sandals, no midriff tops; clothing must be clean and without holes.)

3. _____ Civilian observers should bring sufficient money or make arrangements for meal breaks if they desire to eat.

4. _____ Civilian observers may be dropped off at a well-lighted area, preferably a convenient store, if the officer is assigned a dangerous call or is involved in a pursuit. The observer is asked to have sufficient money to make a telephone call, or bring a cell phone to use, if a ride becomes necessary.

5. _____ Civilian observers should be prepared for periods of inactivity while officers prepare reports, investigate crimes or are otherwise engaged in administrative duties.

6. _____ Civilian observers are prohibited from carrying weapons during the ride-along.

7. _____ Civilian observers are prohibited from becoming involved in an arrest or other dangerous situations unless specifically directed to do so by the officer.

8._____Civilian observers should be in good physical health at the time of the ride-along.

9. _____ Civilian observers are prohibited from bringing or using video cameras, cameras, or recording devices, unless they receive prior approval. The camera/recording application on a cellular telephone must not be used during the observation period. (Requests for approval should be submitted in writing, in advance, so the request can be considered prior to the ride-along.)

10. _____ Any actions or behavior on the part of the civilian observer that would interfere with an officer performing their duty may result in the termination of the ride-along or observation period.