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**RIDE-A-LONG
PROGRAM**

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

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POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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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 of 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 this 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.