



## **RIDE-ALONG REGULATIONS, APPLICATION, AND WAIVER**

### **Regulations**

1. The ride-along is an **observer only** and should not become involved in or interfere with any situation, either physically or verbally.
2. Ride-alongs should be dressed in either business attire or neat, clean, casual attire. Jeans, shorts, spandex, leggings, T-shirts and sweats are not acceptable. Official uniforms, EMS, Law Enforcement attire, and any clothing/equipment resembling these are prohibited.
3. Cameras and tape recorders are not permitted.
4. Ride-alongs will be allowed to observe as much of any situation as is possible, consistent with their safety. However, they may not leave the police vehicle unless given permission to do so by the officer. **Pursuant to Supreme Court Ruling, ride-alongs are prohibited from entering any private residence for any reason.**
5. Ride-alongs must pay for their own food and beverages. If at all possible, they will be given an opportunity to eat a meal; however, this will depend on the level of calls for service.
6. The officer may terminate the ride if the participant fails to follow the regulations or is acting in a manner inconsistent with the best interests of the Police Department.
7. The participant may request that the ride be terminated at any time. The participant will be returned to the station as soon as the officer determines it is practical.

### **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIM**

As a condition precedent to being permitted to ride as a Ride-Along Observer in a vehicle or vehicles operated by any officer or person employed by the Police Department of Smithville, Missouri, I the undersigned waive any right of claim I may have against the City of Smithville, the Police Department, their officials, and any and all officers and employees of said Department, for the loss of life, bodily injury or property damage that I may sustain as a result of riding as such Ride-Along Observer. I further agree that this waiver of liability by me is binding on my legal representatives, heirs and successors, and shall have the same legal effect as I have agreed to herein.

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

# RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ RACE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State, Zip

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of an emergency, notify:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired time:

Day shift 7am-7pm

Night shift 7pm-7am

Reporting time: \_\_\_\_\_ Day of week: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in a ride-along in the last 6 months?

Yes  No

What prompted your interest in the ride-along program?

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Computer check date: \_\_\_\_\_  No record  Record

Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicated notified  Yes  No By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & time ride-along scheduled: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned to Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Radio #: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Disapproved

Terminated

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police (or designee) signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date