



CITY OF HANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF ALL CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE

Ride-Along Program

The Hanford Police Department offers a limited ride-along program. The ride-along program offers a unique first-hand insight into the police operations of the city. Priority for the ride-along program will be given to police officer applicants, those with verified academic need, the media or compelling reason. Generally, only one ride-along will be accepted on each shift. Ride-along candidates are limited to one ride-along per year, with the exception of those applying to be police officers with our agency. The Office of the Police Chief or assigned designee must approve a ride-along.

The following factors may be considered in disqualifying an applicant and are not limited to:

- Being under 15 years of age
- Prior criminal history
- Pending criminal action
- Pending lawsuit against the department
- Denial by any supervisor

Ride-alongs are available on most days of the week between the hours of 10:00am and 11:00pm. Exceptions to this schedule must be approved by the on-duty watch commander or management. Ride-alongs may be terminated, disapproved or rescheduled at any time by the watch commander.

This application, waiver and release must be signed and submitted to the police department for consideration. If the ride-along is approved, a Patrol Commander will contact you to schedule the ride-along.

This document affects your legal rights. You must read and understand it before signing it.

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Drivers Lic# _____

Address: _____ Phone# _____

Email: _____

Reason for ride-along: _____

If under 18 years of age, name of the legal guardian: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Number: _____

Requesting dates desired: _____

I, the above named person being above the age of eighteen years and not a member of the Hanford Police Department, and, if under age of eighteen years, the legal guardian of the above-named person, in consideration of the services of the Hanford Police Department, hereby acknowledge, agree and covenant with, and release and discharge the Hanford Police Department on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate as follows:

ACCEPTANCE OF RISKS

I have made a voluntary request to accompany and ride as a guest with a member of the Hanford Police Department. I understand and acknowledge that this activity bears certain known risks and unanticipated risk of bodily harm or damage to my property. I also understand and acknowledge that as a result of my participation in this activity, I may be required to serve as a witness in an administrative, civil or criminal proceeding. I agree, covenant and promise to comply with the Citizen Rider's Responsibilities, a copy of which is attached hereto and has also been provided to me. I also agree, covenant and promise to accept and assume all responsibility and risk, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, for any bodily harm or damage to property arising from my participation in this activity.

RELEASE, INDEMNITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE

I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge the Hanford Police Department, its agents or employees, and the City of Hanford, its agents or employees from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action which arise out of or are in any way related to or connected with my participation in this activity, including specifically, but not limited to, the negligent acts or omissions of the Hanford Police Department, its agents or employees, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease, and damage to myself or to my property. I further agree, promise and covenant to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Hanford Police Department, its agents or employees from all defense cost, including attorney's fees, or from any other cost incurred in connection with claims for bodily injury opportunity damage which I may negligently or intentionally cause to any person other than myself in the course of my participation in this activity.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

I hereby authorize the Hanford Police Department to conduct a background records check to determine whether I have any criminal convictions or pending criminal charges. A felony or misdemeanor criminal conviction may be grounds to deny a request for a ride along.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE & ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (If Under 18 Years Of Age)

Date

"Committed to Self, Service, and the Community"

RIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Use seat belts.
2. On stops, remain in the vehicle unless otherwise directed by the officer.
3. Do not talk to any person contacted by an officer.
4. Follow all instructions of the officer to whom you have been assigned.
5. Keep confidential names and/or other information which, if made public, could be detrimental to public safety or which may jeopardize the community standing of any citizens.
6. If a dangerous situation arises, i.e., gunfire, fights, fire, etc., do not attempt to assist the officer. Instead, get away quickly, and call the Police Department and explain what happened.
7. If an officer is dispatched to a hazardous call, exit the patrol vehicle and wait to be picked up after the danger is over.
8. Stay in the vehicle at the scene of a call unless the officer indicates otherwise (based on the nature of the call and the officer's discretion concerning the circumstances of the call). If the rider stays in the vehicle, the officer may explain the circumstances of the call when they return or as soon as possible.
9. You may not record or stream whether audio or video any aspect of the ride-along.
10. You must be dressed in suitable attire. Collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks and closed tip shoes. Sandals, t-shirts, tank tops, shorts and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn in the police vehicle. The ride-along will be refused if show up in violation of this policy.

Signature

Date

INTERNAL USE ONLY

Check to make sure waiver is signed

Incident #_____

Background check

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Approved: _____ Yes _____ No _____

Office of the Chief of Police

_____ Date _____

Approved for the following Dates and Times: _____