

Watertown Police Department
Release and Indemnity Agreement

I, _____, acknowledge that I have requested permission from the Watertown Police Department to participate in the Department's "Ride-Along" program.

- I acknowledge that the ride-along program involves accompanying a police officer who is in the performance of his or her duty as a police officer.

- I have been advised of the various dangers which I may be exposed to during my participation with this program.

-I have been specifically informed of the fact that police vehicles are sometimes required to operate in an emergency fashion which may expose me to danger.

- I also acknowledge that I have been advised of the fact that while accompanying an officer I may be exposed to danger to both my person and my personal property due to the actions of criminal suspects, prisoners, and other persons that I may come into contact with during my ride-along.

NOW, THEREFORE, having been fully advised of the dangers inherent in the ride-along program in which I request to participate, and in consideration of the privilege granted to me by the City of Watertown to be a gratuitous passenger in a police car, I do hereby, for myself, my spouse, heirs, executor or administrator, assigns and personal representatives:

1. Assume full responsibility for any personal injury, death or any damage to my personal property which may occur directly or indirectly, while in, or about any such police department vehicle, the Watertown Police Department facilities to include the Central Station, , Firing Range and any other Department or City Facility I may enter during the ride-along.
2. Assume full responsibility for any personal injury, death or any damage to my personal property while accompanying any police officer of the City of Watertown in the performance of their duties.
3. Fully and forever release and discharge the City of Watertown, its police officers, employees, agents and servants, from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, or causes of actions, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my being in, on or about any such Watertown Police Department vehicle, or at any or all police department premises or facilities, or while accompanying a police officer who is in the performance of his or her duty as a police officer for the City of Watertown.
4. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Watertown, its police officers, agents, employees and servants, for any acts or conduct on my part of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such Police Department vehicle, or at any or all Police Department premises of facilities, or while accompanying a police officer who is in the performance of his or her duty as a police officer for the City of Watertown.

WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION

Name (Print)

(Date)

Signature

Address, include City/State

Home Phone

Work Phone

Date of Birth

Age

Sex

Social Security #

To your knowledge, do you have any physical impairments? *Circle:* Yes NO

If yes please specify: _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name

(Relationship)

Home Phone

Work Phone

Day/Time Preference (not guaranteed) for ride-along: _____

WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Criminal Record Check conducted by: _____

Circle one: No Record Record Attached

Applicant Notified By: _____

DATE AND TIME OF SCHEDULED RIDE _____

Approved:

Disapproved:

Assigned to Ride With: _____

Squad Supervisor Signature _____

Host Officer Signature _____

Upon completion of ride-along-application and release shall be returned to the office of the Patrol Captain.

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RIDE-ALONG PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

1. All applicants for participation in this program must be approved by the Patrol Captain.
2. Anyone wishing to participate in this program must complete an application and present valid photo identification upon turning the application in to the Police Department.
3. The review of all applications will include a record check with the State Department of Criminal Justice as well as an NCIC inquiry. An applicant who has a felony record **or** a misdemeanor record which involves moral turpitude or dishonesty may be excluded from participation in this program.
4. Once approved, participants shall be notified of their ride-along date and time. Note, if a participant is not available for the assigned ride-along (**date and time**), he or she can schedule an alternate date with the officer who scheduled the original ride
5. Participants should arrive at the station at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled ride-along. If the participant is not present at this time, the department reserves the right to cancel the ride-along rather than delay the officer from going on duty while necessary forms are completed.
6. Participants will fully review the release and indemnification form with the host officer.
7. Once this form is signed, the participant will be issued a ride-along participant identification card which will be worn on the outermost clothing during the entire ride-along. This identification card shall be turned in to the host officer at the end of the ride-along.
8. Participants shall play no active role in the police function. They must only act as an observer unless otherwise directed by their host-officer.
9. Participants shall not be allowed to operate any police equipment unless directed to do so by a police officer in an extreme emergency.
10. Participants must remain in the police vehicle at all times until directed otherwise by the host officer.
11. Participants must not speak to victims, witnesses, prisoners or other persons associated with a police event. Should a witness, prisoner, victim or other person speak to the participant, the participant should politely direct the person to speak to one of the officers present.
12. Participants are encouraged to ask questions of the host officer. However, such questions should be asked after the police event has been resolved so as not to interfere with the police operation.
13. Participants shall not bring cameras or any recording devices without the express written permission of the office of the Chief of Police or designee.
14. Participants shall not enter any person's home while participating in the ride-along unless the host officer has asked and has been granted express permission from the homeowner/occupant to allow the ride-along participant entry.
15. Participants shall follow the instructions of the host-officer at all times during the ride-along.
16. Participants shall not be allowed to carry any firearm or other weapon, even when otherwise authorized by law, while participating in the ride-along program.
17. Participants should be dressed in comfortable, casual but conservative clothing during the ride-along. (Pants and shirt/jacket for men, Pants and blouse/jacket for women) Participants who are inappropriately dressed, as determined by the supervising officer, shall not be allowed to participate in the program on the assigned date.
18. Participants shall only be allowed to participate in this program once every 6 months unless given written authorization from the Patrol Captain.

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above Information Sheet and agree to comply with its provisions at all times while participating in any ride along.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Ride along signature