



Ride-Along Completed Y / N

Assigned to Officer _____

**WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
FOR THE FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT "RIDE-ALONG" PROGRAM**

I, _____, hereby state that I am _____ years of age and a resident of the State of _____. I hereby state further that I have expressed an interest in participating in the Frederick Police Department Ride-Along Program (hereafter referred to as the "Program"); and that in consideration of my interest in this Program and my agreement to abide by all of the conditions and requirements of the Program, I may participate in this Program. I understand that such participation may include my presence at a Frederick Police Department installation, presence in a Frederick Police Department vehicle in the company of an on-duty Frederick Police Officer, presence on foot patrol or bike patrol in the company of an on-duty Frederick Police Officer, and presence at the scene of investigative activities carried on by members of the Frederick Police Department and their authorized personnel and units.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate actively in said Ride-Along Program, I do hereby agree to waive any and all claims, and to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Frederick, the Frederick Police Department, and their respective officials, employees, agents and representatives, from and against any and all claims for damage, injury, loss or cost, of any kind whatsoever, including attorneys fees, arising out of or incident to this Agreement and/or my participation in the Ride-Along Program.

I further understand and acknowledge that I have read, and that I agreed to abide by, the "Guidelines for the Ride-Along Program Participation," including, but not limited to, the following specific provisions thereof: that I am not authorized to have in my possession any firearm or other weapon; that I do not have, nor have I the right to exercise, any power of arrest; that I shall not participate actively in any investigative function or otherwise act or claim to act for or on behalf of the City of Frederick, Maryland, and the Frederick Police Department, an individual Frederick Police Officer, or supporting personnel thereof; and that I shall not operate any motor vehicle owned or operated by the city of Frederick, Maryland, the Frederick Police Department, an individual Frederick Police Officer, or supporting authorized personnel thereof. I further understand and acknowledge that by reason of my participation in this Program, I may relate, for academic purposes, any experience which I may observe and use the same in connection with my studies, but in connection therewith I shall not ask for or receive any compensation except as an approved and recognized scholarship, grant, or regular financial assistance.

I hereby acknowledge and understand police work in general and that my participation in the Program may involve some inherent risks, and I hereby assume responsibility for any and all such risks.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have, this _____ day of _____, 20____, executed this Waiver, acknowledging that I have read and understand, and agree to, said Waiver.

Ride-Along Participant Signature

Printed Name (First, Middle, Last)

Address

Home Phone

Work Phone

Date of Birth, Sex

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

SCHEDULED RIDE-ALONG DATE & TIME

Report to: _____ on _____ at _____ Hours
Shift Supervisor Date Time

General Public Family Member Police Volunteer Cadet Citizen Police Academy

APPROVING AUTHORITY: _____ DATE: _____
Patrol/Unit Commander

This WAIVER shall expire on: _____ at _____ hours.

Guidelines for Ride-Along Program Participants

All members of the general public must follow the below-mentioned guidelines prior to participating in the Frederick Police Department's Ride-Along Program.

- The participant must schedule and complete an interview with a supervisor prior to being accepted into the Program.
 - * Anyone having a case pending against him alleging the violation of any law or ordinance (including traffic citations), or who has been convicted of any criminal offense will not be allowed to participant.
 - * Supervisors have the authority to disapprove anyone based upon just cause.
- Each participant will execute and file the "Ride-Along" Waiver (Form OB-007) with the supervisor. If a juvenile, they must have concurrence and signature of a parent and/or legal guardian. The waiver must be signed in front of a Notary Public and will be valid for a maximum of one (1) tour of duty.
- A ride-along participant is limited to two (2) tours of duty in any one month, and is limited to a total of six (6) tours of duty in any one calendar year.
- Each participant will report for their tour of duty to the supervisor of the Department specified on the waiver for assignment.

The following guidelines have been established in an effort to assure complete understanding as to the purpose, respective role, dangers involved, and personal responsibilities of each ride-along participant. The safety of the participant is of the utmost importance.

- A copy of the waiver must be carried on the participant's person during any period of time they are serving as a ride-along participant.
- Proper "casual" business attire is required. (No blue jeans, shorts, or inappropriate clothing is allowed.)
- Participants will not appear for their ride-along, nor be on a ride-along, while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol, with a blood or breath alcohol level of .02 or greater, nor with the odor of alcoholic beverages on their breath or about their person. They will not report while under the influence of any medication or other substance which would affect their ability to properly conduct themselves.
- Possession of any weapon is strictly prohibited even if the participant possesses a concealed weapons permit. At no time will the participant indicate; give the appearance of; or act as though they possess a weapon.
- A participant is not expected to be, and will not conduct himself as, having any affiliation with the Department.
- A participant does not have, nor will he attempt to exercise, any police authority or arrest power.
- A participant will not conduct himself in any manner which could cause personal danger to him, to the participating officer, or to members of the community.
- A participant will not be expected, or called upon, to render first aid or medical assistance.
- If injured during a ride-along, the participant will report the injury to his host officer who will document it in an administrative report, that will be submitted via chain of command to the Chief of Police. The Frederick Police Department will not be responsible for any injuries to participants as noted in the ride-along waiver. Participants will be responsible for their own treatment.
- A participant may be called upon to testify in a court of law due to their presence at any alleged law or ordinance violation; however, this will be avoided whenever possible.
- Participants will avoid conversation with any prisoners, suspects, witnesses, or others contacted on police business unless permission has been granted by the host officer.
- Ride-along participants must use seat belts at all times.