



**RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Name:	Drivers License# / State	Application Date:	Date of Birth: / /
Address:		Day Phone Number:	Evening Phone Number:
City, State, Zip Code:	Affiliation: <input type="checkbox"/> Police Officer/Cadet Candidate <input type="checkbox"/> CSUN Student <input type="checkbox"/> Community Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Have you ever been convicted of a crime?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  If yes, please explain: _____ _____ _____			

The Department of Police Services has instituted this program in order to allow members of the community an opportunity to ride and observe our police officers performing their duties. We would hope that you, as a participant in the program, will gain insight into the everyday issues which face our community and how the Department responds to them. It should be understood that participation in this program is a privilege, NOT A RIGHT, and that the basic premise of the ride-along program is to establish rapport with the police and learn about the functions of law enforcement.

**OBSERVER RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS**

- This application must be completed and the release and indemnity agreement signed prior to the ride-along.
- Submission of false information will disqualify the observer from the program.
- Observer may attend police briefings at the discretion of the shift supervisor.
- Observer must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in police cases or incidents.
- Observer must not leave the patrol vehicle unless directed to do so by the officer for safety reasons.
- Observer must wear seatbelts while in department vehicles.
- Observer is not permitted to participate in any aspect of the work performed by the officer with whom they are riding with.
- Observer or officer may terminate the ride-along at any time.
- The length of the ride-along will not exceed three hours.
- Observers are required to be dressed in business casual attire.
- For purposes of safety and officer efficiency, the observer must obey **ALL** instructions or rules, written or verbal.
- Photographic equipment and recording devices are **NOT** to be used by observers. Use of these items could constitute an invasion of privacy of any suspects or victims who may be encountered during the course of the ride-along. Special arrangements for schools or organizations who wish to publish articles can be made through the Chief of Police or the department Public Information Officer.

**Filing:** Original form and records check documents to be routed to Records Unit.