

# VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RIDE-ALONG WAIVER FORM

TO: Geoff Dean, Sheriff

## **AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK ON INJURY, DAMAGE, OR DEATH WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS; AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE**

Whereas the undersigned, not being a sworn member, employee or agent of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, has made a voluntary request for permission to ride as a guest or observer in a law enforcement vehicle at a time when such vehicle is operated and manned by members of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and has further requested permission to accompany a member or members of said law enforcement department during the active performance of their official duties as peace officers: and

Now, therefore, be it understood that the undersigned hereby agrees that THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS INVOLVING SUBSTANTIAL RISKS including the risk of death; personal injury, and/or property damage; such risks may be generated by individuals breaking, or suspected of breaking the law; by the apprehension, or attempted apprehension, of such individuals; by motor vehicles driven by peace officers or by others; or may occur in a truly limitless variety of ways; AND THAT THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE EXPOSED TO SUCH RISKS BY ACCOMPANYING, OR PARTICIPATING IN, THE RIDE-ALONG.

Further, knowing all these risks, the undersigned nevertheless hereby agrees to voluntarily assume all risks, both known and unknown and to release and hold harmless all of the persons and entities named herein who, through negligence or intentional conduct, might otherwise be liable for damages.

Now, therefore, be it understood that the undersigned hereby agrees that the County of Ventura, and city within the county which contracts with the County of Ventura for law enforcement services, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, the driver or owner of any automobile owned or operated by, or in the service of the County of Ventura or contract cities, their sureties, and each of them, shall not be held liable or responsible under any circumstances whatsoever by the undersigned, his or her estate, or heirs, for any death, injury, expense or loss to the person or property of the undersigned, incurred while riding as a guest or observer in any Ventura County Sheriff's Office vehicle or while accompanying a member of said department during the active performance of his official duties as a peace officer. The undersigned agrees not to sue any of the above for any possible death, injury, expense, or loss.

**THE UNDERSIGNED: HAS READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS CONTENTS: IS AWARE THAT THIS RELEASE IS A WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HAS SIGNED THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.**

**NOTE: THE SIGNATURE OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE GUESTS OR OBSERVERS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS.**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE/TIME OBSERVER TO RIDE:**

**APPROVED BY:**

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Geoff Dean, Sheriff  
By:

# **RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM RULES and REGULATIONS**

(Bring this form with you on your ride-along)

The Ride-Along program provides the public with an opportunity to ride with a peace officer while he performs his regular duties. The program is designed to enhance your understanding of law enforcement. The following rules and regulations are designed to maintain the integrity and positive nature of this program.

1. All observers shall sign a release of liability. Observers under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign the release of liability in the presence of a Ventura County Sheriff's Office employee.
2. Observers must wear appropriate attire. Suits, sport coats, sweaters, sport shirts, blouses, slacks, or dress pants are acceptable. Shoes must enclose the entire foot. No open toed shoes, shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, or jeans are allowed. Be prepared for inclement weather. Your ride-along may be cancelled if you are inappropriately dressed.
3. Questions about procedures are welcome. However, they must be asked at the appropriate time. Observers should be careful not to interfere with the deputy at any time.
4. The observer is responsible to pay for his/her own meals.
5. Observers shall obtain authorization from the deputy prior to talking with prisoners, suspects, witnesses or other parties contacted on official business. Observers shall not participate in police activities, unless directed to do so by the deputy.
6. An observer may end his/her ride at any time simply by notifying the deputy.
7. If the deputy feels the performance of his duties is being impaired in any manner by the actions of the observer, the deputy has the authority to return the observer to the station and discontinue the ride-along.
8. The observer will be asked to complete a questionnaire at the end of the ride. We welcome your comments and suggestions.
9. The observer will wear the ID tag provided by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office on his/her outermost garment so it is visible at all times during the ride.

I have read the above rules/regulations. I understand and agree to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Rider

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**USE OF CRIMINAL INFORMATION AND DEPARTMENT OF  
MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION  
BY RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WITH THE  
VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

As a "Ride-Along" with a deputy of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, you may have access to confidential criminal records and/or Department of Motor Vehicle record information while participating in the Ride-Along Program. This confidential information is controlled by statute. Misuse of such information may adversely affect an individual's civil rights and violates the law.

Penal Code Section 502 prescribes the penalties relating to computer crimes. Penal Code Sections 11140-11144 and 13301-13305 prescribes penalties for misuse of criminal history information. Government Code Section 6200 prescribes the felony penalties for misuse of public records and California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) information.

California Vehicle Code Section 1808.45 prescribes the penalties relating to misuse of Department of Motor Vehicle information.

Violation of this law, by you, as an observer of the procedures of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, may result in your being prosecuted in a criminal and/or civil action.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICY REGARDING THE MISUSE OF CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION AND DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION.**

The information on this form will be read and signed by participants in the "Ride-Along" program at the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Police Services Ride-Along Check List

## General Information (To be completed by applicant)

Name of Ride-Along \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)      LAST                              FIRST                              MI

Other Names/Aliases \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
(If student: list school/grade)

Driver's License # and State \_\_\_\_\_

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## In Case of Emergency Notify (To be completed by applicant)

Name Address Phone Relation

Family Doctor or Medical Services Requested by Rider if needed:

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## Records Check (To be completed by Records Bureau)

DMV \_\_\_\_\_ Warrants \_\_\_\_\_ Records \_\_\_\_\_

FI Cards \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Ride-Alongs \_\_\_\_\_

Date Check Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Records Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

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## Approval / Assignment (To be completed by Station Manager or Station Sergeant)

Assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy                              Area                              Shift                              Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name                              Rank                              Date

Ride-Along Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy's Signature