



KLAMATH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Ride-Along Information

Your interest in our Ride-Along program is appreciated. The Klamath County Sheriff's Office Policy 410 Ride-Along Policy outlines the Ride-Along Program. The program provides an opportunity for citizens to experience the law enforcement function first hand. This policy provides the eligibility, approval process, and hours of operation for the Ride-Along Program.

The Klamath County Sheriff's Office Ride-Along Program is offered to residents, students and those employed within the County. Every attempt will be made to accommodate interested persons however any applicant may be disqualified without cause. The following factors may be considered in disqualifying an applicant and are not limited to:

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

The Ride-Along Program is available on most days of the week, with certain exceptions. The ride-along times are from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Exceptions to this schedule may be made as approved by the Sheriff, Division Commander, or Shift Supervisor. Any person approved to ride along is required to be suitably dressed in collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks and shoes. All Ride-along applicants are subject to a criminal history check.

The Ride-Along host Deputies will use sound discretion when encountering a potentially dangerous situation, and if feasible, let the participant out of the vehicle in a well-lighted place of safety. The following are conditions for the Ride-Along that necessarily limits participation. These conditions should include:

- ___(a) The ride-along will follow the directions of the deputy
- ___(b) The ride-along will not become involved in any investigation, handling of evidence, discussions with victims or suspects, or handling any sheriff's vehicles or equipment
- ___(c) The ride-along may terminate the ride at any time and the deputy may return the observer to their home or to the station if the ride-along interferes with the performance of the deputy's duties
- ___(d) Ride-alongs may be allowed to continue riding during the transportation and booking\ process provided this does not jeopardize their safety
- ___(e) Deputies will not allow any ride-along to be present in any residences or situations that would jeopardize their safety or cause undue stress or embarrassment to a victim or any other citizen
- ___(f) Under no circumstance shall a civilian rider be permitted to enter a private residence with a deputy without the expressed consent of the resident or other authorized person
- ___(g) All information and observations acquired by the citizen observer during the ride-along shall be considered strictly confidential unless otherwise stated by the host deputy.
- ___(h)The citizen observer must realize that any action he/she witnesses during the ride-along may require a court appearance at a later date
- ___(i)Under **NO** circumstance shall a citizen observer
 - Be permitted to carry any weapon unless authorized and approved by the Sheriff
 - Act as an agent for the Sheriff's Office or perform and Sheriff's Office related duty
 - Approach any vehicle on a traffic stop, or approach and residence, building, or other situation where the potential of violence exists or a crime is in progress

The Citizen Observer (Ride-Along) Program Application and the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement must be completed and approved. If there are any questions about this program please do not hesitate to ask any of our staff members.

Thank you for your interest in our Ride-Along Program.

Signature of Applicant

Date



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CITIZEN OBSERVE (RIDE-ALONG) PROGRAM APPLICATION

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME MAIDEN

STREET/MAILING ADDRESS CITY COUNTY ZIP

PHONE NUMBERS /

DATE OF BIRTH SSN

I hereby request permission to ride as a civilian observer in a Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle because:

I further agree with and voluntarily sign the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement (attached).

All requested dates listed below are at least ten (10) days after submitting this application:

1st Choice: Date _____ Time: _____

2nd Choice Date _____ Time: _____

3rd Choice Date _____ Time: _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

DATE/TIME RECEIVED: _____ BY: _____

CHECKS

CCH _____ WANTED _____ DL _____

APPROVED / DENIED - NOTIFIED BY _____ DATE _____

ASSIGNED DATE / TIME / DEPUTY: _____ / _____ / _____

HOST DEPUTY SHERIFF NAME / COMMENTS: _____



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CITIZEN OBSERVER (RIDE-ALONG) PROGRAM RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of being permitted to ride in a vehicle owned and operated by the County, for the expressed purpose of observing operations and facilities of the Sheriff's Office, the undersigned agrees to release and hold harmless the County, its agents, employees, and elected official from any and all liability to me for personal injury or death or any property damage, whether proximate or remote, sustained during or as a result of my ride as an observer.

I understand that I will be a guest passenger in the vehicle in which I ride and have not offered any payments to the Sheriff's Office or its employees for the opportunity to ride. I further understand that I may be summoned as a witness in any proceeding as a result of my observations.

The observation is for my educational benefit. At all times, I agree to obey all orders, instructions and commands of the deputy sheriff of the Sheriff's Office. I fully realize and appreciate the basic nature of law enforcement and the possibility that situations may arise which might result in my exposure to danger of physical harm or injury, including traffic accidents, and I am willing to accept these risks. I further agree to keep confidential anything which I may observe or hear. I understand that my observation ride may be terminated at any time without notice.

I authorize the Sheriff's Office to conduct a complete records check of me prior to riding and understand that any information of an adverse or criminal nature may disqualify me.

I freely and voluntarily sign this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement in sole reliance of my own independent judgment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PARENTAL ENDORSEMENT (For applicants under age of 18): I have read and understand the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement and agree to be bound to its provisions as they apply to my son/daughter

I agree to assume full responsibility for my son/daughter as it would pertain to the provisions set forth.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Phone Number