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POLICE RIDE-A-LONG PROGRAM REQUEST FORM AND WAIVER

I, the undersigned, hereby request permission to ride in a police vehicle of the City of Hermiston, at such times and in such areas as may be approved by the Chief of Police or his designated representative. I understand that the police vehicle will be engaged in normal police patrol and law enforcement activities, some of which may be dangerous and expose passengers to risk or harm. I acknowledge this risk of harm and voluntarily accept it, thereby releasing the City of Hermiston, the Hermiston Police Department, the individual officers and employees of the City of Hermiston from any liability which might result from my participation in this program. I give permission to have my background checked for criminal history. I agree to the rules and instructions listed on the back of this form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Note: Applicants under eighteen (18) years of age must have this form read and signed by their parent or guardian prior to any participation in this program. The ride-a-long program is open to persons who are at least sixteen (16) years of age.

PERMISSION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I, the undersigned, being the parent or guardian of _____ hereby join with him/her in requesting permission for him/her to ride in a police vehicle as aforesaid and do join with him/her in granting a release and discharge to the City of Hermiston, the Hermiston Police Department, the individual officers and employees of the City of Hermiston, as set out in detail above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

In case of emergency notify: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant:		Phone Number:	
Address: (Street, City, State, Zip)		Email:	
Driver's License / ID Card #:		Date of Birth:	Age:
School Attending:		Occupation:	
Officer Requested	Dates Preferred	Times Preferred	Actual Ride-a-Long Date/Time:
1st	1st	1st	Length of ride:
2nd	2nd	2nd	Officer who conducted Ride-a-Long:

***** TO BE COMPLETED BY HERMISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF *****

Background Check: _____ Date: _____ Routed To: _____
Records Department Signature

Application Approved: _____ Date: _____ Notes: _____
Supervisor Signature

Ride-a-Long Rules and Regulations

1. The applicant's participation is a privilege and not a right. The basic premise of the ride-a-long program is to establish rapport with the police and learn about the functions of law enforcement.
2. No person shall be allowed to ride without having submitted a signed ride-a-long request and waiver form. Refusal to complete this form or false statements of any nature on the same will disqualify that person from participation in the program. The request to ride form must be turned in to the Police Department one (1) week before the first requested date of participation. At the Operations Captain's discretion, exceptions may be made or special situations requiring shorter notice, as long as the other procedures are followed. Special situations may include out of state visitors or criminal justice personnel.
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3. Persons with extensive criminal backgrounds or with a history of adverse contact(s) and/or untruthfulness to the police department will not be allowed to ride with an officer. Background checks will be conducted on ALL applicants.
4. Applicants will be notified by the Police Department after filing the written application request form. At that time, the ride will be scheduled and/or confirmed or denied.
5. Ride-a-long tours usually last four (4) hours; however, either the officer or the rider may terminate the tour at any time. The on-duty supervisor will be advised of early termination.
6. Civilian ride-a-longs will be allowed to ride no more than once every six (6) months, without prior approval of the Operations Captain (once every three (3) months for immediate family members).
7. Video or audio recording will not be permitted while participating in the program unless express permission is granted by the Chief of Police.
8. No firearms or any other type of weapon may be carried during the ride-a-long.
9. Participants must obey the orders and instructions given by the officer to whom they are assigned.
10. Participants must not leave the patrol vehicle unless instructed to do so by the officer.
11. When the patrol unit is assigned to a dangerous call, the rider may be dropped off at a safe location and he/she must remain there until the officer or another police unit returns to pick him/her up.
12. Participants shall not converse with any prisoners, suspects, victims, or witnesses nor shall they participate in any police activity unless directly requested by officers.
13. All participants must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in police cases or incidents. The observer will be considered a confidant of the Police Department and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigations be held confidential.
14. The participant's attire must be neat, clean, and conservative. The observer shall not wear any type of clothing, jacket, or baseball cap that might suggest affiliation with a law enforcement entity or gang membership.
15. The rider will provide his/her own transportation to and from the Police Department.
16. By signing the waiver form on the reverse side of this page, the ride-a-long participant agrees to the rules and regulations listed above.