

FOSTER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING
RULES AND PROCEDURES
CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

- ~ I certify that I am over the age of fourteen (14) years.
- ~ I certify that I have voluntarily requested to participate in the **Citizen Ride-Along Program** and have properly executed the release and waiver form on the reverse of this page.
- ~ I certify that my parent or lawful guardian (under age 14 requirement) has signed the Parental Consent Release on the reverse of this page.
- ~ I understand that I may be permitted to take a maximum of one (1) ride per 30 day period and that rides will be limited to four (4) hours maximum duration.
- ~ I understand that I must make personal contact with the patrol team supervisor on duty and request permission to ride and that it is the supervisors' decision as to which officer I will be assigned to. Further, I understand that I must contact the patrol team supervisor upon completion of each ride.
- ~ I understand that while participating in the program, I am to conduct myself in an orderly manner and to wear a seat belt at all times while in a police vehicle.
- ~ I understand that I am not to engage the public in conversation and that if addressed by the public, I am to identify myself as a **Ride-Along participant** and defer any police-related questions to an officer.
- ~ I understand that I am not to touch or attempt to use any equipment within the patrol vehicle unless directed to do so by the officer. **In the event of an emergency in which the life of the ride-along participant or the officer is in imminent danger, the ride-along participant may use the radio to call for help.**
- ~ I understand that what I see and hear while participating in the ride-along program is to be regarded as confidential and privileged information and is to be treated as such. **I understand and agree that if I write an account of my participation, any such account is to be submitted for review by the Program Liaison Officer.**
- ~ I understand that suitable business attire is appropriate dress. The Patrol Supervisor may cancel a scheduled ride should a Ride-A-Long be dressed inappropriately for the occasion.

DATE: _____ (Printed name of participant)

TIME STARTING: _____ (Signature of participant)

TIME ENDING: _____

Supervisor Authorizing Ride-Along _____

cc: Chief of Police

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF ALL CLAIMS FOR
PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE
CITIZEN RIDE-A-LONG PROGRAM

WHEREAS, I (print): _____ [] over [] under the age of fourteen (14) years and not being a member of the Foster City Police Department, have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned by the Foster City Police Department and to accompany a member of the Police Department during the performance of their official duties, and

WHEREAS, I agree that the Foster City Police Department did not make the initiative in extending the invitation to ride or to accompany any member or members of the department during the performance of official duties, and

WHEREAS, I am aware that I may be subjected to risk of bodily harm or damage to my property by accompanying a member of the Police Department during the performance of their official duties:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the permission given to me to ride in a vehicle assigned to the Foster City Police Department and to accompany a member or members of said department during the performance of their official duties, I do hereby agree that the City of Foster City Chief of Police, his sureties and each of them shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, liability, or expense arising out of or in any such manner, connected with any damage, injury, or loss either to me or my personal property incurred while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Foster City Police Department or while accompanying any member of said Police Department during the performance of their official duties and resulting from any negligence on the part of any member of the Foster City Police Department, in the operation of the vehicle, making arrests, upholding the law, searching for missing persons, rescue operations, maintaining control of persons under arrest, the use of weapons or firearms, including flares and gas grenades, or any other acts of negligence by any member of the Foster City Police Department.

I do further agree to hold and keep the City of Foster City Chief of Police, his sureties, all members of the Police Department, their sureties and each of them, free, indemnified, and harmless from any loss, damage, liability, or expense incurred or claimed by anyone by reason of any damage or injury to me or my property resulting from any of the aforesaid facts.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: (MDY) ____/____/____ PHONE: (____) ____ - ____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

REASON FOR INTEREST: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT RELEASE

(REQUIRED IF PARTICIPANT IS AGE 14 OR YOUNGER)

WHEREAS, I (Print) _____ being the parent or lawful guardian of (print) _____, a minor, have read and fully understand the above release and waiver, hereby give my consent for the minor to participate in the ride-along program:

(SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN) / _____
DATE