



# RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION

## ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SHERIFF-CORONER DON BARNES

Application must be filled out prior to participation. Participation may be denied unless all necessary paperwork is completely filled out and signed.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name		Date of Birth
Home Address <i>street, city, zip</i>		Phone Number
Place of Employment or School		Gender: ___ Male ___ Female
Position/Title	Major/Study	Gov. ID or Driver's License #
Address of Employment/School		Business/School Phone #:
Organization(s) Represented		E-mail Address
What is your interest in participating in this program?		
How did you become aware of this program?		
Date requested to Ride-Along	Shift you wish to Ride-Along am pm	Area or Division Requested
Have you ever been arrested? ___Yes ___No	If yes, list offense, location, and date:	
Do you have a physical impairment that would prohibit you from participating in this program? ___Yes ___No If yes, describe:		

**By signing this form the applicant authorizes a criminal records check prior to the requested ride-along.**

- I have read and understand the procedure for the Ride-Along Program of the Orange County Sheriff Department.  
The above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have been given a copy of the ride-along policy and have fully read it and I completely understand it.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR SHERIFF DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Records Check Clear: ___Yes ___No	Staff Conducting the Check:	
Approved: ___Yes ___No	Signature of Division Commander or Designee:	
Time Assigned:	Signature of Scheduling Staff Member:	
Comments:	Rode with:	Date of participation:
Time(s) participated: From to	Hours	
<input type="checkbox"/> Failed to appear	Refused to allow applicant to ride. Explain:	

Terminated applicant's ride before scheduled time. Explain:



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## RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM WAIVER

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### AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OF INJURY OR DAMAGE, WAIVER, AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, I, \_\_\_\_\_ (being) over the age of 18 and not being a member (to include a PSR) of the Orange County Sheriff's Department have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to the Orange County Sheriff's Department and to accompany a member or members of the Sheriff's Department during the performance of their official duties.

WHEREAS, the Orange County Sheriff's Department is willing to allow me to ride as a guest [in] a vehicle, vessel or other county asset assigned to the Orange County Sheriff's Department and to accompany a member or members of the department during the performance of their duties on the following conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the permission given to me to ride [in] a vehicle or vessel, and/or in, on, or upon any other county owned asset assigned to the Orange County Sheriff's Department and to accompany a member or members of said department during the performance of their official duties, I do hereby agree:

1. That I am aware that the work of the Orange County Sheriff's Department is inherently dangerous and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or damage to my property by accompanying a member or members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department during the performance of their official duties and that I freely, voluntarily, and with such knowledge assume the risk of death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or in any way connected with use of weapons; unlawful acts or forcible resistance by law violators or suspected law violators, assault, riot, breach of peace, fire, explosion, gas, electrocution or the escape of radioactive substances while accompanying a member or members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department during the performance of their official duties.

2. That the County of Orange, the Sheriff, his sureties, all members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, their sureties, and each of them, shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, or expense, either to me or my property, incurred while riding in any vehicle or on a horse assigned to the Orange County Sheriff's Department or while accompanying any member or members of said department during the performance of their official duties and resulting from any negligent act or omission on the part of any member of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

3. That I am aware of the provisions of the California Vehicle Code section 17158 which provides:

"No person riding in or occupying a vehicle owned by him and driven by another person with his permission, has any right of action for civil damages against the driver of the vehicle or against any other person legally liable for the conduct of the driver on account of personal injury to or the death of the owner during the ride, unless the plaintiff in any such action establishes that the injury or death proximately resulted from the intoxication or willful misconduct of the driver" and that during such time as I am riding in any vehicle or on a horse assigned to the Orange County Sheriff's Department, I am in the status of a guest, and that my right, if any, for civil damages against the driver of the vehicle or any other person legally liable for the conduct of the driver for death, personal injury, or property damage occurring during such time is provided in the California Vehicle Code section 17158.

4. For myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to defend and indemnify the County Of Orange, the Sheriff, all members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, their sureties, and each of them, against any manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, or damages or liability or expense of every kind and nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission of mine while riding in any vehicle or on a horse assigned to the Orange County Sheriff's Department or while accompanying any member or members of said Orange County Sheriff's Department during the performance of their official duties.

**I hereby represent that I have carefully read and understand the contents of this document and sign the same of my own free will.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAUTION READ THIS DOCUMENT IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING**



Generally, the ride-along request will be processed and scheduled by contacting the division in which the participant desires to ride-along. Ride-along applications can also be downloaded at [ocsheriff.gov](http://ocsheriff.gov).

Non-department members must read and understand the ride-along policy/waiver. The participant then must complete and sign the ride-along application/waiver forms. Signing and submitting the application/waiver authorizes the Orange County Sheriff's Department to conduct a criminal records check for non-employee ride-along applicants.

Information requested will include a valid government-issued identification, address, telephone number and emergency contact information.

The participant will be scheduled for a ride-along, based on availability, within approximately 30-days from the date of application. Once an approved ride-along request is received, the receiving division commander or his appointee will make arrangements for the ride-along and notify the applicant by telephone or e-mail of the granted approval and date of the ride-along.

If the ride-along is denied, a representative of the Sheriff's Department will contact the applicant by telephone or e-mail and advise him or her of the denial.

Approval will be granted on a one-time individual basis. For each additional ride-along, a new application will need to be submitted and approved, as described above.

### **Required Record or Documents:**

1. Ride-Along Application [Signed]
2. Ride-Along Liability Waiver [Signed]

### **Ride-Along Program Rules and Requirements:**

1. Any person approved to ride-along is required to be suitably dressed in a collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks, and shoes. Sandals, T-shirts, tank-tops, shorts, ripped and/or torn clothing is not permitted. Hats and ball-caps will not be worn in the patrol vehicle. The watch commander or field supervisor may refuse a ride-along to anyone not properly dressed.
2. Whenever possible, the ride-along should begin at the start of the scheduled briefing of the deputy responsible for the ride-along participant.
3. Consumption of alcoholic beverages within 12-hours of the ride-along or during the ride-along is not permitted.
4. Ride-alongs may be scheduled between 6:00 am and 11 pm.
5. Spouses and persons having a dating or close relationship with any deputy shall not be allowed to ride-along with the involved deputy.
6. Participants riding along in an official capacity may wear the approved uniform for their assigned job classification.
7. Unless authorized to do so, participants shall not review any official report or record of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.
8. A ride-along participant may be exposed to privileged and/or confidential information. To participate in the ride-along program the participant must agree to treat all matters they witness as confidential and not divulge any information other than to a properly authorized county, state and/or federal employee.
9. Ride-alongs with units other than uniform-patrol are not normally permitted, e.g. the gang unit etc.
10. Uniform-patrol includes, but may not be limited to: Black and white street level patrol and harbor patrol.
11. The ride-along participant shall not interfere or obstruct a Deputy in the performance of his or her duties. If deemed necessary, the Deputy may at anytime terminate the ride and return the participant to the station as soon as practicable.

***Exceptions to any of the aforementioned rules and requirements can only be granted by the respective Division Commander.***

### **Non-Department Peace Officer Ride-Alongs:**

Non-department law enforcement officers will be permitted to ride along with the expressed permission of the respective Division Commander. In the event the ride-along is permitted, the non-department law enforcement officer will not represent himself or herself as a peace officer or participate in any law enforcement activity except in an emergency. The non-department law enforcement officer riding-along may carry their weapon as allowed by law and permitted pursuant to their agency's rules and regulations.