

In response to such feelings among the residents of Ridgecrest, we at the Police Department have made it possible for you to "Ride Along" in a police unit, with a police officer, during a tour of duty. We sincerely hope that by offering such a program we may improve the state of understanding that exists between our officers and you, the public. Please feel free to ask any questions which you might wish of our officers, for it will only be through improved communications with each other that this goal can be reached.

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Who do I contact if I want to participate? Contact the Watch Commander at the Police Department (499-5100) or the PACT Coordinator at 499-5107. You can also go to the front desk of the Ridgecrest Police Department at 100 W. California Ave.

Won't I have to sign something? Yes. We must have you sign an accident waiver (see other side) which frees this department of liability in the event you were to be injured while riding along with us. If you are under 18 years of age, your parents must also sign the waiver. An interview will be conducted prior

to your ride, to insure that it is mutually desirable for you to participate in the program.

Are there things I should not do? Yes. This will be explained to you in the interview.

Could I get hurt? Police work by its very nature is sometimes dangerous. We will do everything within our power to see that you are not exposed to danger.

How long can I ride at a time? Normally four hours. Longer rides may be arranged.

How should I dress? We require that all persons riding along be suitably dressed in slacks, collared shirt or jacket, and shoes. Sandals, T-shirts, halter tops, shorts and unrepresentable blue jeans are not permitted. We advise female participants not to wear dresses, skirts or high-heeled shoes. You should also consider the weather. The Watch Commander may refuse a ride to anyone not properly dressed.

Can I bring a camera? Due to Constitutional questions of "Right to Privacy", we do not allow either cameras or tape recorders.

How often can I ride? In order to allow as many people as possible the chance to participate in this program, we limit ride-alongs to once per calendar year.

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RIDE- ALONG PROGRAM

Often citizens wish it were possible for them to be at the scene of police incidents and see exactly how the incidents are handled so that they may better judge the quality of their police department. Others are considering a career in law enforcement and wish a preview of what such a career might be like. Some would simply like to see "the other side of the coin."

CITY OF RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

DECLARATION OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
(Read this document in full before signing)

I, _____, the undersigned, declare the following:

I am _____ years old and am not a member of the Ridgecrest Police Department. I have made a voluntary request to participate in the "Ridealong" Program of the Ridgecrest Police Department. I will accompany any member of the Ridgecrest Police Department during the performance of his/her official duties, which may include riding with said officer in a police vehicle, and being present at the scene of criminal investigations or other emergencies.

I understand that the Ridgecrest Police Department will allow me to participate in this volunteer surveillance program only on the condition that I release the City of all risk in said participation, and that I release the City of Ridgecrest, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from all liability and I agree to these conditions.

I understand that the duties to which I may be assigned are inherently dangerous and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or of damage to my personal property during my participation in the "Ridealong" Program. I further understand that said risks may arise from, but are not limited to, civil disturbances; explosions or shootings; the effects of wind, rain, fire and gas; assaults and/or batteries; and vehicular collision; and I freely and voluntarily assume all of said inherent risks, whether or not they are listed herein.

In consideration on my being permitted to participate in the "Ridealong" Program, I agree to be bound by all orders, rules and regulations concerning my participation; to promptly obey all instructions of any police officer or team captain to whom I am assigned; and to release the City of Ridgecrest, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any liability arising out of my said participation. I have had the above-mentioned risks fully explained to me and I have read and understand the contents of this document and I fully assume such risks and sign this document of my own free will. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20____, at Ridgecrest, California.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/DECLARANT/Signature of Parent/Guardian if Minor

Name (Print) _____ Address _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Drivers License No. _____ State _____ SS# _____

Health Information (List any health problem known to you. If in good health, so state.) _____

In case of emergency, notify: _____ Address: _____

Relationship: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Requested DATE & TIME of Ride-A-Long _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORIZING OFFICER

() Approved () Denied

Officer Assigned: _____ Date/Time of Ride-Along: _____

Reason for Denial _____

Authorized by: _____

RIDE-ALONG COMPLETED _____ (Watch Commander's Initial)