

ID Badge #: _____

CITY OF DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN RIDER APPLICATION

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME MAIDEN

STREET/MAILING ADDRESS CITY COUNTY ZIP CODE

PHONES (HOME) _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

(CELL) _____ SSN: _____

OREGON DRIVER LICENSE: _____

I want to ride as a guest observer in a Police Department patrol vehicle because: _____

Have you been on a ride-along with the Police Department in the past 12 months? _____

A typical ride lasts four (4) hours. In general, a citizen may apply to ride once every 12 months. Please list three dates and times that you would like to ride. If available, one of the three dates will be selected. Unless otherwise advised, all requested dates listed below need to occur at least ten (10) days after this application is submitted:

1st Choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

2nd Choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

3rd Choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

I agree with and have signed (or a parent or guardian has signed) the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement accompanying this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

DATE/TIME APPLICATION RECEIVED: _____ BY: _____

BACKGROUND: CCH: _____ WANTS: _____ DL: _____ OTHER: _____

ASSIGNED DATE: _____ TIME: _____ to _____ HOST OFFICER: _____

APPROVED / DENIED BY: _____ RIDER NOTIFIED BY: _____ DATE: _____

OFFICER POST-RIDE COMMENT: _____

COMPLETED FORMS SHALL BE RETURNED TO AND RETAINED BY POLICE RECORDS.

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CITIZEN RIDER PROGRAM

RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of being permitted to ride in a vehicle owned and operated by the City of Dallas, for the express purpose of observing operations and facilities of the Police Department, I, the undersigned, agree to release and hold harmless the City, its agents, employees, and elected officials from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages and actions, of whatever form or nature, 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, including costs and attorney fees incurred in defense thereof.

I understand that I will be a guest passenger in the vehicle in which I ride and I have not offered any payment to the City, the Police Department, 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.

At all times, I agree to obey all orders, instructions and commands of the host officer and other members of the Police Department. I further agree to keep confidential everything which I may observe or hear, except that which my host officer tells me I do not have to keep confidential. I understand that my observation ride may be terminated at any time without notice.

I authorize the Dallas Police Department to conduct a complete records check of me prior to riding and understand that any information of an adverse nature, including a poor driving record, may disqualify me.

I fully realize the dangerous nature of law enforcement and the possibility that I may be physically harmed or injured, and I am willing to accept this risk, including the risk of injury or death in a traffic accident. I will wear a CITIZEN OBSERVER identification badge while participating in the Citizen Rider program. 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 it with regard to my child.

Child's name as it appears on the application: _____.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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The Citizen Rider Program has guidelines for your protection. Deviation from these guidelines without the expressed consent of the host officer is grounds to immediately terminate the ride, anywhere and anytime. You should bring cash with you to pay for a taxi back to the police department or to home in case you are dismissed from a ride or the department otherwise cannot provide for your return.

RULES OF CONDUCT:

1. All information and observations you acquire during the ride-along shall be considered strictly confidential unless otherwise stated by the host officer.
2. Any action you witness during the ride-along may require a court appearance at a later date.
3. You shall not:
 - a) carry any weapon unless authorized and approved by the on-duty patrol supervisor,
 - b) operate the patrol vehicle or any other equipment unless specifically directed to by the host officer or an emergency dictates you should,
 - c) act as an agent for the Dallas Police Department or otherwise perform any department-related duty,
 - d) approach any vehicle on a traffic stop or approach any location or incident where the potential for violence exists or a crime is in progress, or
 - e) enter any crime scene without the authorization of the host officer or touch, possess, tamper with, or otherwise have contact with any evidence.

SAFETY:

Your safety is important, so the host officer will weigh incidents for potential hazards to your safety; however, the officer cannot be preoccupied with you, so the officer cannot and will not assume responsibility for your safety. You are responsible to ensure your safety and to make decisions accordingly.

In cases of imminent danger (e.g., person with gun), you shall remain in the patrol vehicle and not become a distraction; however, you may request to be let out of the patrol vehicle a safe distance away from the incident.

CLOTHING:

You shall wear appropriate attire. Inappropriate attire and/or grooming are unacceptable and you will not be allowed to ride, even if all other requirements have been met. You should be neat and clean, wearing conservative clothing, including a collared shirt for men. Examples of inappropriate clothing include short skirts, torn or dirty pants, shorts, sandals, halter- or low-cut tops, and t-shirts.