

## Watsonville Police Department

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### **Civilian Observer Rules**

The following rules of duties and conduct must be obeyed prior to and during the Ride-A-Long or observation period. Civilian observers **MUST** read and initial each rule prior to the approval of the Ride-A-Long Waiver of Liability form.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers are required to be properly bathed and groomed.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers must be properly dressed. (No shorts, sandals, midriff tops; clothing must be clean and without holes)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers should bring sufficient money or make arrangements for meal breaks if they desire to eat.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers may be dropped off at a well-lighted area, preferably a convenient store, if the officer is assigned a dangerous call or is involved in a pursuit. The observer is asked to have sufficient money to make a telephone call, or bring a cell phone to use, if a ride becomes necessary.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers should be prepared for periods of inactivity while officers prepare reports, investigate crimes or are otherwise engaged in administrative duties.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers are prohibited from carrying weapons during Ride-A-Long.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers are prohibited from becoming involved in an arrest or other dangerous situations unless specifically directed to do so by the officer.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers should be in good physical health at the time of the Ride-A-Long.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers are prohibited from bringing or using cameras, video cameras, or recording devices, unless they receive prior approval. The camera/recording application on a cellular telephone must not be used during the observation period. (Requests for approval should be submitted in writing in advance, so the request can be considered prior to the Ride-A-Long.)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Any actions or behavior on the part of the civilian observer that would interfere with an officer performing their duty may result in the termination of the Ride-A-Long or observation period.

### Waiver of Claims for Damages and Covenant not to Sue.

In consideration of the permission granted to me by the City of Watsonville, California, to accompany officers of the Watsonville Police Department, while in performance of their duties, (I and my parent or legal guardian, if minor), hereby waive all claims for damage/loss to my person/property which may be caused by an act or omission of the City of Watsonville, its officers, agents, or employees. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions or occurrences which may be encountered during said Ride-A-Long and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions or occurrences.

Further, I hereby covenant not to use the City of Watsonville, its agents, officers, or employees for any claims arising out of any act of condition occurring during said patrol. In addition, I realize that this privilege can be revoke at any time and that past arrests can prohibit me from participating in said program.

It is the policy of the department to allow residents who are interested in the duties, mission organization of the department to participate in the Ride-A-Long program. The department has the right to refuse any applicant's application in the police Ride-A-Long program.

#### READ THIS DOCUMENT COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING

**Note: (The signature of a parent or guardian is required for those guests under 18 years.)**

- Applicants must wait for confirmation before riding. Limit of one (1) Ride-A-Long per year.
- Allow two (2) Weeks for approval.
- Please wear appropriate attire for Ride-A-Long.

Name:		Date of Birth/Age:	
Address:	City:	State:	Phone Number:
Organization/School:	Address		City:
Have you even been arrested? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Type of offense:		Date of Arrest:
Arrest Agency:	Please explain:		
Preferred Date for Ride-A-Long:		Preferred Time for Ride-A-Long:	
Applicant Signature:			Date:
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:			Date:
Return completed form to:  <b>Operations Division - P O Box 1930, 215 Union Street, Watsonville, CA 95077 • Phone: 831-768-3320</b>			
<b>DEPARTMENT USE ONLY</b>			
Approved/Denied by:			Date:
Watch Commander:			Date:
Officer Assigned:			Date: