



LODI POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sierra Brucia, Chief of Police
215 West Elm Street
Lodi, California 95240

RIDE ALONG/OBSERVER RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

1. Application for Ride Along must be completed and approved.
2. All liability waivers must be reviewed, understood, and signed by the citizen observer.
3. The Ride Along Program is open only to City of Lodi residents unless approved by the Watch Commander.
4. The observer must be age fourteen (14) years or older to apply.
5. A criminal background or submission of false information of any type will disqualify an applicant from this program.
6. The observer must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in police cases or incidents. Observers will be considered a confidant of the Police Department and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigations be held confidential.
7. The observer must not leave the vicinity of the patrol vehicle unless cleared to do so by an officer.
8. When the officer is assigned to a dangerous mission, the observer may be left at a safe location until the officer or other police personnel picks the observer up.
9. The observer or officer may terminate the Ride Along at any time.
10. The length of the Ride Along will not exceed five (5) hours unless cleared by the Watch Commander.
11. The observer shall be neat, clean and appropriately dressed. No shorts, tank tops, low-cut tops, T-shirts, sandals, hats, revealing midriff, shirts with offensive slogans or advertisements or recording devices.
12. For purposes of safety and officer efficiency, the observer must obey all instructions and rules, written and/or verbal.
13. The observer maybe requested to complete a Ride Along comments form and return it to the Watch Commander at the conclusion of the Ride Along period.
14. It shall be understood by the observer that participation in this is a privilege, not a right and that the basic premise of the Ride Along Program is to establish rapport with the police and learn about the functions of law enforcement.
15. No weapons of any kind are permitted during the ride along unless approved by the Watch Commander.
16. The observer will not ride along more than once annually, unless approved by the Watch Commander.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL THE LODI POLICE DEPARTMENT (333-6730) TO SCHEDULE YOUR RIDE ALONG. THIS MUST BE DONE AFTER 7 DAYS OF TURNING IN YOUR APPLICATION AND PRIOR TO 30 DAYS. RIDE ALONG TIMES ARE 0630 TO 0200 HOURS, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE WATCH COMMANDER.



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APPLICATION FOR RIDE ALONG

{PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION}

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (RES) _____ (BUS) _____
 (CELL) _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED OR ISSUED A CITATION? YES NO

PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

REASON FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE RIDE ALONG PROGRAM: _____

After submitting your request form, please wait five (7) days then you may call 333-6730 to schedule a ride.

=====FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE=====

CDL CHECK: _____ LPD CHECK: _____

LOCAL WANTS: _____ NCIC WANTS: _____

C-POUCH: _____

RESIDENCE JURISDICTION (Sheriff's Office, Police Dept.): _____

RESULT NOTES (case numbers, citation numbers, etc.): _____

RIDE ALONG APPROVED: YES NO BY: _____

REASON: _____



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**DECLARATION OF ASSUMPTION OF RISK
AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I, _____, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am _____ year of age and am not a member of the Lodi Police Department. I have made a voluntary request to participate in the "Ride Along Program" of the Lodi Police Department, during which I understand I will accompany any member of the Lodi Police Department to whom I may be assigned during the performance of his/her official duties which may include riding with said officer in a Police Department vehicle.

I understand that the Lodi Police Department will allow me to participate in the Ride Along Program only on the condition that I assume the risks involved in said participation and that I will release the City of Lodi, its officers, agents, and employees from liability, as specified below, and I agree to participate in the Ride Along Program on these conditions.

I understand that the duties of members of the Lodi Police Department are inherently dangerous and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or of damage to my property during my participation in the Ride Along Program. I further understand that said risks may arise from, but are not limited to, the use of weapons and firearms, the acts and forcible resistance of criminal suspects, civil disturbances, explosion, electrocution, the escape of radioactive substances, the effects of wind, rain, fire and gas, and vehicular collision, and I freely and voluntarily assume all of said inherent risks, whether or not they are listed above.

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the Ride Along Program, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, save, keep and hold harmless the City of Lodi, it's officers, agents, employees and volunteers from all damages, costs or expenses in loss or equity that may at any time arise or be set up because of damages to property or personal injury received by reason of, or in the course of my participation negligence or carelessness on the part of the City of Lodi, it's officers, agents, employees and volunteers.

I further stipulate and agree, while participating in the Ride Along Program, to be bound by all orders, rules and regulations concerning my participation and to promptly obey all instructions of any Police Officer to whom I am assigned.

I also understand that the Lodi Police Department can terminate the Ride Along at any time due to my not following instructions or due to unforeseen circumstances.

I have read and I understand the contents of this document, have been fully and completely advised of the potential dangers incidental to engaging in the Ride Along Program, and it is my intention, by signing this document, to exempt and relieve the City of Lodi, it's officers, agents and employees from liability for personal injury or wrongful death caused by their negligence associated with the Ride Along Program.

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

Signature of Applicant/Declarant

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(If applicant is a minor)

Signature of Witness
(Lodi Police Department Employee)