

WILLISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

WAIVER/RELEASE

I understand that law enforcement is a hazardous occupation involving conflict resolution, exposure to volatile situations and dealing with hostile individuals. I fully understand that while accompanying officers I may encounter situations which are inherently dangerous and subject to becoming an environment of disorganization and violence. I understand that police cars may become involved in pursuits and accidents and that by participating in the RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM I could be placed in a dangerous situation.

After being so informed, I do hereby knowingly waive all claims and causes of action against Dennis Strow, Chief of Police Williston, Florida, his officers and employees, the City of Williston, which may arise as a result of my participation in said RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM.

This Waver executed this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Signature of Participant or Parent or
Guardian if Participant is Under 18.

Printed Name of Participant
D.O.B: _____

Drivers License #:

REASON FOR RIDE-ALONG REQUEST: _____

Have you ever been arrested? ___YES___NO If yes, illustrate charge(s), date(s), location(s) and disposition(s) _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me personally appeared and tendered his/her _____ identification, or is personally known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he/she voluntarily executed the same.

_____ My commission expires _____, 20_____
Notary Public

STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF WILLISTON

Signature of officer sponsoring request
Officer with whom you wish to ride along: _____

INSTRUCTIONS/RULES

Ride-Along Observers must abide by the following instructions and rules:

1. Observers shall report to the appropriate shift commander at the designated time.
2. This ride along request is valid for “one time” unless stated otherwise. The request will expire 30 days from the date of application unless approved by the Chief or Deputy Chief.
3. Observer shall be neat and clean in appearance and attire. Jeans, T-shirts, shorts and flip flops are not appropriate. Shirt tails are to be tucked in. Decisions regarding questionable attire or appearance shall be made by the Shift Commander or Assistant Chief of Police.
4. Observers shall not be armed unless otherwise authorized by their position as a current law enforcement/detention officer/deputy.
5. Observers have no law enforcement authority and are under direct authority of the Officer to whom they are assigned.
6. Observers shall not interfere with any officer performing his/her duty and shall not:
 - A. Become involved in any investigation.
 - B. Handle evidence.
 - C. Discuss any case with victim(s), witnesses and/or suspect(s), or
 - D. Handle WPD equipment without authorization from the officer unless exigent circumstances dictate to save a life or prevent serious bodily injury.
7. Observers shall abide by their host officer’s decision as to whether or not they will be allowed to exit the vehicle and observe particular calls for service.
8. Observers, host officers, a supervisor, and/or Shift Commander may terminate the Ride-Along at any time it is deemed necessary to benefit the Observer and/or Police Department.
9. Observers may be called to court as a witness as a result of participating in the program.

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PERMISSION TO RIDE

TO: _____ DATE: _____

FROM: _____
(Division Commander)

Mr/Mrs/Ms _____ contacted me on _____ and I have approved a single participation in the Ride-Along Program on or after _____ between the hours of _____ and _____, subject to slot availability.

The background check was completed by _____ on _____ and signed Wavier/Release was notarized by _____ on _____.

Expiration Date _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO: _____ DATE: _____

FROM: _____
(Shift Commander)

The above participant rode with _____ on _____ from _____ to _____ and was assigned Observer _____

Officers Comments on Ride Along:
