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Police Department

Ride Along

You have the opportunity to observe the Santa Cruz Police Department at work. Our Ride-Along program allows you to observe a team of Officers, CSO's and Rangers at work on patrol. You will experience the ways in which different law enforcement situations are handled and gain a better insight into the daily operations of the Department. One of our goals is to improve communication between patrol personnel and the community. We believe this goal can be met through active citizen involvement in programs such as this. We hope your experience will help you share new information and ideas with your neighbors and friends. We appreciate your interest in the Ride-Along program and encourage your participation.

Conduct

- Participants must remain in the vicinity of the patrol vehicle and should not accompany the officer outside that area unless specifically instructed to do so.
- Participants cannot touch or attempt to operate any vehicle or communications equipment without explicit authorization from the officer.
- Participants may observe situations or occurrences during the ride-along that may require them to submit a written declaration and/or testify in court.

Dress Code

Participants should wear comfortable and appropriate clothing. Approval to ride-along will be denied if the participant has been drinking or under the influence of a controlled substance. Firearms or other weapons are not permitted for any reason.

Accident Waiver

There is some degree or risk involved by the nature of law enforcement activities. The participant assumes any and all risks to which she or he may be exposed to during the ride-along.

Please complete the information on the reverse side

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Team Comm/Shift Sgt. Approved Disapproved _____

Ride-Along Date Shift Time _____

Name, ID# of Ride-Along Officer _____

Records Check – By/ID _____

No Record See Attached Printout

Please complete all the following information:

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____

Driver's License or ID #: _____ ***Please attach a copy of your valid DL***

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Reason for Participation: _____

Last time you participated on a ride along with SCPD: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Ride-Along tours are 2-4 hours in length. Please select which shift you would prefer

Ride-Along Schedule

Ride-Along participants may be scheduled on one of the following shifts:

_____ 7:30am - 5:30pm

_____ 4:30pm - 2:30m

_____ 10:30pm - 8:00am

(Minimum age for this shift is 18)

Preferred Officer: _____

Participants are limited to one ride per year. Minimum participant age is 14

Read the following document completely before signing.

Agreement Assuming Risk, Injury or Damage Waiver & Release of Claims

The undersigned agrees that (s)he, her/his estate and/or heirs shall hold harmless the City, its officers, employees, and agents from and against charges and expenses (including attorney's fees) and causes of actions of whatsoever character which the City may incur, sustain or be subjected to on account of loss or damage to property and loss of use thereof and for bodily injury to or death of the undersigned arising while a guest or observer in any Santa Cruz Police Department vehicle or while accompanying a member of said Department during the active performance of official duties as a peace officer.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Signature indicates you approve and understand the above agreements)

NOTE: The signature of a parent or guardian is required below for those citizens under minimum age of eighteen (18) years.

Form must be signed in the presence of a Police Department employee.

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Form

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