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Ride Along Release and Waiver of Liability

I, _____, (hereinafter "rider") a resident of _____, am interested in observing the operations of the Warrenton Police Department in accordance with the Ride-Along Program. I understand that to observe such operations, it may be necessary for me to ride in patrol cars, to observe the operation from within the Department, and to participate in other activities. I further understand that I may be placed in some potentially dangerous situations to me physically or to my property. I understand that some of these situations may be emotionally distressful or traumatic. I understand that the Warrenton Police Department will conduct a criminal history background check on me prior to allowing me to participate in the Ride-Along Program.

I hereby agree to follow all of the policies and procedures of the Warrenton Police Department. I further agree that I shall follow the directions of the Warrenton Police at all times while I am engaged in ride-along activities. I understand that if I fail to follow these directions, the ride-along will be terminated and I will be prohibited from participating in the Ride-Along Program with the Warrenton Police Department.

I hereby waive, release, discharge, and/or hold harmless the City of Warrenton, the Warrenton Police Department, and all of their agents, officers, officials, employees, and assigns from all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, and sums of money, dues, claims and demands, in law or equity arising out of said ride-along, including, but not limited to, claims for physical injuries to me, damages to my property, or claims for emotional distress or trauma. I understand and agree that I shall be solely responsible for any and all damages arising out of my participation in said Ride-Along Program.

I witness whereof, I have executed this release and waiver of liability at_____, on _____, 20_____.

_____ _____

Ride Along Program Participant Signature | Parent/Guardian of Minor Rider

Date of Birth: _____ (Must be at least 15 years of age to participate)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Issued by State of: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Date and Time of requested ride-along: _____

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Ride Along Participant Rules & Guidelines

1) Anyone who wishes to participate should call or visit the Warrenton Police Department to obtain a request form. Arrangements must be made at least (3) days in advance of the desired ride-along date.

2) Prior to the ride-along, participants must sign a Release and Waiver of Liability form and agree to a criminal history background check.

3) Participants shall be neatly dressed and groomed. Jeans of any color, T-shirts, collarless shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants and slippers will not be permitted.

4) Participants will be under the supervision of a police officer at all times.

5) Participants must be in good general health with no need for assistance.

6) Female participants cannot ride if they are pregnant or suspect they may be pregnant.

7) Participants shall not leave the police vehicle at the scene of any police activity without first obtaining the permission of the supervising officer.

8) Participants shall not converse with any prisoners, suspects or witnesses, nor shall they participate in any police activity unless directed to do so by the officer and that request can be accomplished in a safe manner.

9) Tape recorders, cameras and video equipment will not be permitted while participating in the program with the exception of accredited media representatives who have made the necessary arrangements through the Director of Public Safety and/or Command Staff.

10) Participants must have a valid photo ID or drivers license with them when reporting for their scheduled ride-along.

11) Participants shall be considered an observer only, and shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned officer during the ride-along.

12) Participants shall conduct themselves in a civil and courteous manner at all times.

13) Participants must wear their seat belts at all times while in the patrol vehicle.

14) Participants must remain in the patrol vehicle unless instructed to leave by an officer.

15) In the case of a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, participants may be dropped off at a safe location. If this occurs, the officer will give the participant specific instructions and arrange to have them picked up by another officer. Please note that this is for the rider's safety.

16) Participants must not become involved in any incident the officer is handling. This includes discussions of an incident with victims, witnesses, or suspects.

17) For security and safety reasons, participants are not allowed to handle or use any of the officer's equipment or the equipment in the patrol vehicle.

Failure to comply with any of the above listed rules and guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the Ride-Along.