



ST. JOSEPH POLICE DEPARTMENT RELEASE AND WAIVER RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

In consideration of the St. Joseph Police Department granting me permission to enter its police vehicles and ride in the same while said vehicles are on patrol and/or emergency calls ("ride-along"), I, (the undersigned) hereby, expressly agree to release and waive all claims for damage, loss, and/or injury to my person and/or property which may be caused by any negligent or reckless act, or failure to act, of the St. Joseph Police Department, its officers, agents and/or employees.

I further expressly agree to assume all risks associated with my decision to participate in the ride-along program and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of any dangerous conditions that may exist, or that may be associated with the ride-along program.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release and Waiver in its entirety and that I understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the same. I also acknowledge that I have freely and voluntarily executed this Release and Waiver and that I understand that said Release and Waiver is, and shall be, binding upon me, my successors, heirs, assigns, and personal representatives.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date _____

Witnessed By: _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

Approved By: _____ (Commander) Date _____

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK

I, the undersigned, understand that by applying for the Practicum/Internship/Ride-Along Program, a criminal history check may be completed. I, hereby, give permission for this check to be completed. The information from this check cannot be used for any purpose other than the Citizens Ride-Along/Practicum/Intern Program.

Signature of Participant _____



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RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

PRACTICUM/INTERN/RIDE-ALONG POLICIES

The St. Joseph Police Department has instituted a program involving citizens age eighteen and older to participate in Ride-Along, Practicum, and Internship activities pursuant to his/her college degree. The following guidelines are for the benefit of participating students/citizens and police department personnel. These guidelines are to be strictly adhered to by those individuals who participate.

1. Before beginning their course period of time with the Police Department all Students/Riders will review all guidelines with a assigned commissioned officer within the department.
2. Students/Riders will not carry weapons of any kind. They will not represent themselves as employees of the St. Joseph Police Department.
3. All Students/Riders will dress appropriately. Apparel deemed inappropriate includes, but not limited to: cut-off jeans, tank tops, T-shirts, etc. Also apparel exhibiting: crude or vulgar language, crude gestures, cartoons, large logos, etc. Torn, tattered, and dirty clothing is not acceptable.
4. All Students/Riders will notify the assigned officer as to the dates and times they will report for various activities. This information will be forwarded to the appropriate division office for tentative assignments and ride-along activities.
5. Areas where Practicum/Intern students may expect to be assigned include: Support Services Division, Patrol Operations Division, Detective Division, Information Services Division, and other various assignment locations--where needed.
6. Students/Riders will interact with department personnel wishing to participate in the program.
7. Any request to work beyond the hours required by the course standards for Practicum/Intern students must be approved by the Commander of the Support Services Division.
8. Ride-Along policies: It will be at the police officer's discretion (to which the Student/Rider is assigned) as to whether or not the student can leave the vehicle unit during response to various calls for service. Obviously, calls involving weapons, violence, suicides, etc.- restrict actions.
9. Before beginning their Ride-Along, Practicum, Internship activities the Student/Rider will carefully review and sign a waiver of liability concerning their participation with the St. Joseph Police Department.



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10. Ride-Along, Practicum, Internship participation with the St. Joseph Police Department can be terminated for non-compliance with policies, guidelines, improper behavior, improper dress, failure to take direction from departmental personnel, or any actions by the participant in violation of departmental standards.
11. All complaints and/or termination notice will be promptly forwarded in writing to the Practicum/Intern students College or University as soon as possible.
12. Practicum/Internship students will not disclose or discuss any information sensitive in nature with the general public or family members that might cause harm to others or have a negative effect on police actions or investigations.
13. Ride-alongs must not enter into or onto private property without the permission of the owner of the property, tenant, etc.
14. Upon approval for the ride-along, practicum, intern programs you will be issued a Citizen Observer I.D. This will be worn at all times you are in the L.E.C. or in police vehicles. It is not to be worn at any other time. Upon completion of the ride-along or internship you are responsible to return the I.D. to the Support Services Division.
15. Ride-alongs are limited to three ride-alongs per calendar year. One time per shift. (Days, Evenings, Midnight's)
16. Upon completion of your ride-alongs, you will receive an evaluation. You are required to complete and return it to the Support Services Division.

**** Ride-Along, Practicum, and Intern participants can have access to private-confidential information involving law enforcement response and activities. It is essential that this information remains confidential.***

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Witnessed by: _____ Date: _____



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CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION

PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: _____
LAST, FIRST M.I.

D.O.B.: _____ SSN: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Employment Phone: _____

E-mai: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes (explain on back) No

List 3 dates for your preferences. We will try to schedule those dates but cannot guarantee them.

Days: _____

Evenings: _____

Midnights: _____