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# CITY OF REDLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Ride-Along Program

The Redlands Police Department encourages its citizens to familiarize themselves with the operations, day-to-day activities, facilities, and equipment of the Redlands Police Department. One way to accomplish this is to allow citizens to participate in a Ride-Along Program with patrol officers.

Individuals interested in participating in the Ride-Along Program are required to complete an application, which is screened by the Ride-Along Program Coordinator. ***A Waiver of Liability and Authorization to Release Information Form needs to be signed and returned with the application.*** Once an application is approved, the applicant will be contacted and provided with a date and time to ride.

All civilian participants are subject to a criminal history check. The criminal history check may include a local records check and a Department of Justice Automated Criminal History System check prior to their approval as a ride along with a law enforcement officer.

On the day of the ride-along, the applicant will be required to: 1) Provide identification (valid photo ID or driver's license to the Watch Commander; 2) Sign a waiver; and 3) Provide an emergency notification number.

**Please keep this top information sheet.** Fill out the application and return it to the Redlands Police Department, 1270 Park Avenue, Redlands 92373. Applications take 5-10 business days to process.

Applications for the Ride-Along Program can be obtained online or at the Redlands Police Department, 1270 West Park Avenue, Redlands. ***For more information, please call the RPD Training Coordinator at (909) 798-7652.***

**To ensure the success of the Ride-Along Program, the attached rules of conduct shall apply:**

## **Rules of Conduct for Ride-Along**

*Persons riding with an officer of the Redlands Police Department shall adhere to the following set of rules of conduct:*

**\*\*Minimum age for participants is 15 years old.\*\*** Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian sign the waiver at the time of the ride-along.

- Participants should be residents of Redlands, or the east valley area.
- Participants may ride only once during a twelve month period.
- Only one participant will be scheduled to ride per shift, either day or night.
- Participants are authorized to ride for four hours only, any time exceeding four hours is at the Watch commander's discretion.
- Participants shall be considered observers only, and shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned officer during the ride-along.
- Participants must wear their seat belts at all times while in the patrol car.
- Participants must remain in the patrol car unless instructed to leave by an officer.
- In the case of a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, participants may be dropped off at a safe location.
- Participants must not become involved in any incident the officer is handling. This includes discussions of an incident with victims, witnesses, or suspects.
- No tape recordings, cameras, or similar devices are allowed without prior approval from the Chief of Police or his designee.
- 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.
- To the best of their ability, officers will not allow any ride along to be present in any residences or situations that would jeopardize their safety or cause undue stress or embarrassment to a victim or any other citizen.
- Under most circumstances, a civilian ride along shall not be permitted to enter a private residence with an officer without the expressed consent of the resident or other authorized person.
- All participants must agree to not publicly discuss the names of persons involved in police matters. It is essential that statements or evidence on your ride-along be held confidential.
- No participant will be permitted to ride with an officer to whom he or she is married, dating, or involved in a relationship.
- Participants are required to wear appropriate business attire during the ride-along. No gang, skinhead, racially offensive, or other inappropriate clothing will be allowed.
- Failure to comply with any of the above listed rules and guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the ride-along.

# Ride-Along Program Application

<b>The following information is needed, in writing:</b>	
<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>Date Application is submitted:</b>
<b>Home Address :</b>  length of residency: _____ (If less than 12 months, also include former city of residence)	<b>Date of Birth:</b>  18 years of age?    ___ YES ___ NO (Must have parent or guardian sign waiver, if not 18 yrs.)
<b>Phone Number (where you can be reached):</b>	<b>California Driver's License Number:</b>
<b>Preference for Officer (optional):</b>	<b>Preference for ride-along (day or night shift/weekday or weekend):</b>
<b>Briefly give your reason for requesting the ride-along:</b>	
<p><i><b>Please keep the top information sheet</b> and turn in the application to the Redlands Police Department at 1270 Park Avenue, Redlands, 92373. For additional information, please send an email to <a href="mailto:ridealong@redlandspolice.org">ridealong@redlandspolice.org</a> or call the RPD Training Coordinator at 909 798-7652, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.</i></p>	



# Ride-Along Program Waiver of Liability and Authorization to Release Information

It is my understanding that the Police Ride-Along Program involves riding in a police vehicle of the Redlands Police Department, being operated by a police officer or designated employee, who is performing both routine and emergency police functions. I further understand that circumstances may arise, during participation in this program, which cannot be controlled by the employee in this duty status. I also understand that to be considered to be a participant in this program a criminal background check may be done by the Redlands Police Department. I hereby release, discharge, and exonerate the agencies, their agents and representatives, and any person furnishing information, from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of the furnishing of any information. This release shall be binding on my legal representatives, heirs, and assigns.

Therefore, I do hereby relieve, release, absolve, and guarantee to protect the City of Redlands, its officers, employees, and agents of and against any and all liability or loss which may arise, should any injury or damage be sustained by the named participant, or others, as a result of the activates of a member of the police department in performance of lawful duties by established procedure.

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Date                      Signature of Participant                      **PRINT** Participant's Name                      Date of Birth

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Date Participating                      Signature of Accepting Supervisor                      Participating Officer



## CONSENT OF PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR MINOR

I give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Redlands Police Ride-Along Program and have read the above waiver of liability, understanding same, and by this consent provide the same relief, release, absolution, and guarantee regarding liability, as if said waiver were herein set out in full, and further include the Redlands Unified School District and the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program in such a waiver.

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Date                      Signature of Parent/Guardian