

Marshalltown Police Department
Declaration, Assumption of Risk, Waiver & Release from Liability

Name (Last, First, Middle):		Date:		
Address (Street, City, State, Zip):		Sex:	Date of Birth:	Age:
Telephone Number:		Email:		
Emergency Contact (name, address, phone):				
When do you prefer to ride (day of the week and time of day from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm)?				
DECLARATION, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY				
<p>I request participation in the Ride-Along Program with the Marshalltown Police Department. I will accompany any member of the Marshalltown Police Department to whom I may be assigned to observe the officer in the performance of their duties. This may include riding in a police vehicle and being present at the scene of criminal investigations and other emergencies. I understand the Marshalltown Police Department will allow me to participate in the Ride-Along Program <i>only</i> on the condition that I fully release the Marshalltown Police Department, the City of Marshalltown, its elected and appointed officers, officials, employees and agents (hereafter collectively and individually referred to as the "City") from all liability for personal injury and property damage arising out of my participation in the Program.</p> <p>I further understand that the duties of the members of the Marshalltown Police Department are inherently dangerous and that I may be subjected to the risk of death, serious personal injury of a permanent nature or damage to my property during the course of my participation in the Ride-Along Program. I further understand that the risk of injury or death may arise from, but not be limited to disturbances, explosions, shootings, assaults, batteries, acts of vandalism, inclement weather and vehicular collision. With this knowledge in mind, I freely and voluntarily assume all of these risks, whether or not listed herein.</p> <p>In consideration of my being allowed to participate in the Ride-Along Program, I agree to be bound by all orders, rules and regulations concerning my participation and to promptly obey all directives from any police officer to whom I am assigned. I further waive any and all claims and causes of action against the City and to release, acquit and forever discharge the City from any and all liability for personal injury to me and property damage to my property arising out of my participation in the Program. I understand this is a waiver of important rights. I have read and understand the contents of this document and I fully assume such risks and sign this document of my own free will. I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.</p>				
Applicant Signature		Parent/Guardian Signature (if a minor)		

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Approved By:	Date:	NCIC check completed:	Local check completed:
Date Ride Completed:	Time of Ride:	Officer:	

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Rules of Conduct for Citizen Observers

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- _____ 1. The officer will exercise discretion in the extent of involvement of the citizen in all situations. Civilians must obey any and all instructions from the officer without question or delay.
- _____ 2. The officer may decide that the presence of the civilian at a scene is not advisable, in which case the officer will deposit the civilian at a safe location where he/she will return later to resume the observation period.
- _____ 3. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed immediately prior to or during the observation period, nor will any person report to the observation period under the influence of any intoxicating beverages or drugs.
- _____ 4. The civilian observer is NOT allowed to carry a firearm or weapon while riding as an observer. This applies to persons licensed to carry a firearm in Iowa as well. Any person found to be in possession of a firearm or illegal weapon during the observation period will have their privileges to participate permanently revoked and be subjected to criminal charges for the violation of any State weapons laws. This restriction does not apply to sworn, licensed or certified peace officers.
- _____ 5. The observer will not convey by acts or statements that he/she is a police officer or has the powers and authority of a police officer.
- _____ 6. Observers will refrain from becoming involved in any physical struggle or verbal arguments with any persons encountered by the officer; however, the observer should render assistance to the officer if commanded to do so.
- _____ 7. The observer is forbidden from becoming involved in any police investigation or from discussing any police investigation with another citizen. The observer will not reveal the identity of any person suspected of an offense, nor will he/she reveal the identity of any victims or witnesses or person detained by the police for any reason.
- _____ 8. Any person approved to participate in a ride-along is required to be suitably dressed in a collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks, and shoes. Sandals, t-shirts, tank tops, shorts, and ripped or torn pants are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn without the express consent of the Shift Commander. The Shift Commander or a supervisor may refuse a ride-along to anyone who is not dressed appropriately.
- _____ 9. All civilian observers **must** have approval from a police department division commander **prior** to riding with any officer.
- _____ 10. **All** civilian observers **shall** complete a liability of release form **prior to** their observation time and the completed form shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police.
- _____ 11. A civilian observer should not, except in extreme instances to protect their own well-being and safety, exit the patrol vehicle on an in-progress call, ANY traffic stop, or at any other time there is a potential threat to their safety. At an officer's discretion they may exit the patrol vehicle on report calls or other incidents, which have no potential for a threat to the observer's safety.
- _____ 12. No cameras, tape recorders, or other audio or video recording devices may be carried or used by the civilian observer without the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designee.

I have read and understand the rules of conduct that I must follow as a guest of the Marshalltown Police Department.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME