

**SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

APPLICATION FOR RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

NAME: (print) _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ AGE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ MARRIED: _____ SINGLE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ PHONE: _____

I wish to participate in the School Police Department's "Ride-Along" Program as an observer. I have received and read the rules and regulations of this program and will abide by them while participating.

It is my understanding that I will ride in a police patrol car for the period specified following an interview with the Chief of Police, or his designee.

I will sign a waiver of liability.

The most convenient time for me to participate is, (Day of Week) _____

during the hours of _____.

I understand that I must be at the police station (536 W. Baseline Street) one half hour prior to my appointment and that I will be returned to the station at the end of the "Ride-Along".

Signed: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

VERIFICATION: (Under age 18)

I have read and fully understand this form and I agree to the terms hereof:

(Signature of Parent/Guardian/Spouse of Minor)

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OBSERVER (RIDE-ALONG) PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All applicants will sign a “waiver of liability”. Minors must obtain permission and signature of parent(s) or guardian(s) and minors must have written permission from their spouse, if married.
2. Observers are to be at the police station one-half hour prior to scheduled time of ride. They will be returned to the police station at the conclusion of the shift assigned, or earlier if agreed by both parties and time is available.
3. Male observers may wear a suit or sport coat, sweater and trousers. In all cases they are to wear a dress shirt and tie. Female observers will wear a conservative suit or dress, hose and appropriate shoes. Final decision as to acceptable dress, including hairstyle, will remain with the Watch Commander.
4. Cameras or tape recorders will not be carried by observers unless with specific permission of the Chief of Police or his designee.
5. Observers are encouraged to ask questions regarding procedures and activities, however, they should be asked at an appropriate time.
6. Observers are not to participate in, or interfere with, any police activity unless specifically directed by officers.
7. Observers shall not converse or comment to prisoners, suspects, victims, witnesses or other parties contacted on police business.
8. Observers shall not leave the police car at any time without obtaining permission of the officer.
9. Remember – You are riding in the capacity of an observer **only** and are under the complete control of the officer at all times.
10. If the officer with whom you are riding feels that your safety warrants, he may find it necessary to drop you at a well lighted, reasonably safe location where you will be picked up by him/her or other officers shortly. The Police Department is concerned for your well being and safety!
11. Participants are **not** allowed to carry weapons of any kind!

I have read and understand the foregoing instructions.

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

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AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OF INJURY OR DAMAGE, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, I _____ being/not being
Over the age of eighteen (18) and not being a member of the Police Department of the San Bernardino City Unified School District, have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest with a Police Officer during the performance of his/her official duties, and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the San Bernardino City Unified School District is willing to allow me to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to that department and to accompany a member or members of the department during the performance of their duties, I do hereby agree:

1. That I am aware that the work of the Police Department is inherently dangerous and that I may be subject to the risk of death or personal injury or damage to my property by accompanying a member or members of the Department during the performance of their duties and that I freely, voluntarily and with such knowledge, assume the risk of death, personal injury or property damage arising from forcible resistance by law violators or suspected law violators, assault, riot, breach of peace, fire, explosion, gas, electrocution or the escape of radioactive substances while accompanying a member or members of the Department during the performance of their official duties.
2. That the San Bernardino City Unified School District, the Chief of Police, permanent or temporary employees of the District, their sureties, and each of them, shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss or expense, either to me or to my property, incurred while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Police Department or while accompanying any member or members of said department during the performance of their official duties, and resulting from any negligent act or omission on the part of any member of the Department of District.
3. That I am aware of the provisions of the California Vehicle Code Section 17004 which provides:

“A public employee is not liable for civil damages on account of personal injury to or death of any person or damage to property resulting from the operation, in the line of duty, of an authorized emergency vehicle while responding to an emergency call or when in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, or when responding to but not returning from a fire alarm or other emergency call”.

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4. That I am aware of the provisions of the California Vehicle Code Section 17004.7 which provides:

“(a) The immunity provided by this section is in addition to any other immunity provided by law. The adoption of a policy by a public agency pursuant to this section is discretionary.

(b) A public agency employing peace officers which adopts a written policy on vehicular pursuits complying with subdivision (c) is immune from liability for civil damages for personal injury to or death of any person or damage to property resulting from the collision of a vehicle being operated by an actual or suspected violator of the law who is being, has been, or believes he or she is being or has been, pursued by a peace officer employed by the public entity in a motor vehicle.

(c) If the public entity has adopted a policy for the safe conduct of vehicular pursuits by peace officers it shall meet all the following minimum standards:

- (1) It provides that, if available, there be supervisory control of the pursuit.
- (2) It provides procedures for designating the primary pursuit vehicle and for determining the total number of vehicles to be permitted to participate at one time in the pursuit.
- (3) It provides procedures for coordinating operations with other jurisdictions.
- (4) It provides procedures for determining when the interests of public safety and effective law enforcement justify a vehicular pursuit and when a vehicular pursuit should not be initiated or should be terminated.

(d) A determination of whether a policy adopted pursuant to subdivision (c) complies with that subdivision is a question for the court.”

And I agree that during such time as I am riding in any vehicle owned and/or operated by the District or Department, my right, if any, for civil damages against the driver of the vehicle or any other person legally liable for the conduct of the driver, for death, personal injury or property damage occurring during such time, may be limited by California Vehicle Code Sections 17004 and/or 17004.7.

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5. For myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to defend and indemnify the San Bernardino City Unified School District, The Chief of Police, all members of the School Police Department, their sureties and each of them against claims, demands or damages or liability or expense of every kind and nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission while riding in any vehicle assigned to the District or the Police Department, or while accompanying any member or members of said Police Department during the performance of their official duties.

I hereby represent that I have carefully read and understand the contents of this document and sign the same of my own free will.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if a Minor

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

CAUTION: READ THIS DOCUMENT IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING!

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