

# LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS



The Lane County Sheriff's Office Citizen Ride-Along Program is part of an on-going effort to bring the Sheriff's Office and the community closer together. This program allows interested community members an opportunity to ride with a Deputy Sheriff during a portion of his/her regular shift. Prior to approval, a criminal background check will be completed. Any record revealed will be reviewed per Lane County Sheriff's Office policy. The safety of participants is the Sheriff's Office main concern. Partly in order to provide optimum safety to participants, the following rules have been established:

1. Residents 18 years of age or older may ride with a Deputy Sheriff.
2. The appropriate waiver/release form must be completed and signed prior to riding. No exceptions.
3. The date and time for a participant's ride-along will be set by the program coordinator after approval of the application. Every effort will be made to schedule participants during one of their preferred times.
4. Because of the active response to this program and limited availability of ride-along slots, ride-alongs are limited to four times per calendar year (every 3 months) per person.
5. Participants riding with a Deputy Sheriff are asked to check in at the Sheriff's Office lobby at 125 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 143 for Patrol, or Reception at 101 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for Corrections.
6. Ride-along participants are required to dress in a neat and appropriate manner. All participants are asked NOT to wear all-black clothing, shorts, or open toed shoes. Appropriate dress would consist of dress pants or nice jeans (no holes), dress or sport shirt, sweater or jacket, and appropriate footwear. A ride-along may be denied if the participant's clothing is deemed inappropriate.
7. Participants may be exposed to privileged/confidential information and must agree not to discuss such information with anyone.
8. Participants must wear a designated "Observer" badge that will be issued by the assigned ride-along Deputy Sheriff and returned to the Sheriff's Office front counter at the completion of the ride.
9. Cameras and recording equipment may not be taken or used during the ride unless approved by command staff and the assigned Deputy Sheriff.
10. Participants are asked to bring a cellular phone in case an emergency situation (e.g. robbery, riot, pursuit) leads to the early cancellation of the ride-along. Ending the ride-along is at the Deputy Sheriff's discretion.
11. While riding with a Deputy Sheriff, participants will remain with the Deputy Sheriff all times, unless otherwise directed, and will obey without hesitation any and all instructions/directions given by the Deputy Sheriff.
12. A participant's ride may be denied or limited by command staff or the assigned officer if the above requirements have not been met, or for any unforeseen circumstances.



**RIDE ALONG AGREEMENT -LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY. ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED.**

FULL NAME: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DRIVER'S LICENSE #/ISSUING STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ANY CURENT MEDICAL PROBLEMS FOR WHICH YOU ARE BEING TREATED, OR ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH ENTERING AND EXITING A PATROL CAR. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

LIST TWO PEOPLE WHO CAN BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST THE NAME AND NUMBER OF YOUR PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I AM SCHEDULED TO RIDE WITH DEPUTY SHERIFF \_\_\_\_\_ ON \_\_\_\_\_ AT \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ I AM NOT YET SCHEDULED. MY AVAILABLE DAYS AND TIMES ARE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR OBSERVER RIDE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH SECURITY CLEARANCE, THE LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REQUIRES A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FOR ALL CIVILIAN RIDE ALONGS. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT FOR THIS BACKGROUND CHECK, AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT YOU AGREE TO BEHAVE AND DRESS IN A CLEAN AND APPROPRIATE MANNER AND THAT YOU AGREE TO KEEP CONFIDENTIAL ANY PRIVILEGED/CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO WHICH YOU ARE EXPOSED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
RIDER SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN IF RIDER IS UNDER 18

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, COMPLETE THIS SECTION:**

**I ATTEST TO THE FOLLOWING:**

I am employed by: \_\_\_\_\_(agency). I am a current certified law enforcement officer in good standing. I have my police badge and identification on me. I am carrying my agency's issued handgun and ammunition, or authorized backup weapon and ammunition, and am qualified by my agency to use the weapon. I have read the Sheriff's Office Use of Force General Order 1.12 and agree to comply with it.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. THE OFFICER/SUPERVISOR PORTION MUST BE COMPLETE PRIOR TO RIDE**

BACKGROUND COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED/DENIED ON: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICER ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE AND AGREEMENT OF INDEMNIFICATION**

This document is a Release and Agreement of Indemnification entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month), \_\_\_\_\_ (year), between \_\_\_\_\_ (your name), hereinafter referred to as the Undersigned, and the Lane County Sheriff's Office, hereinafter referred to as LCSO.

**RECITALS**

LCSO is willing to allow the Undersigned the opportunity to ride with and accompany a Deputy Sheriff or while in performance of the Deputy Sheriff duties, such ride being for the purpose of observation.

The Undersigned knows, understands and appreciates the inherent risks to himself/herself in riding with and accompanying a Deputy Sheriff and the Undersigned does not wish to hold LCSO, the Sheriff, the County, deputies, employees, agents, representatives, or other law enforcement or County personnel responsible for any harm or injury.

The Undersigned wishes to deliberately and voluntarily expose himself/herself to all inherent risks and to personally assume the risk of any injuries or damage arising out of or occurring while preparing for, departing from, riding with or accompanying a Deputy Sheriff in a County vehicle while in the performance of the Deputy Sheriff duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County agrees to make available to the Undersigned an opportunity to ride as an observer in a County vehicle with a Deputy Sheriff of the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

The Undersigned, in consideration of the benefit to him/her, releases from any and all liability and agrees to indemnify and to save and hold harmless Lane County, the Sheriff, all deputies, LCSO, and all agents and personnel of Lane County, from any and all liability, cost, expense, claim, or damage which might otherwise be claimed by the Undersigned or his/her heirs, successors, or assigns, on account of any injury to the person or property of the Undersigned of whatsoever kind arising directly or indirectly out of this observation ride, including but not limited to:

- 1) Automobile accident, no matter what driver may be at fault;
- 2) Any injuries arising from any fight, brawl, altercation, riot or other incidents;
- 3) Any other injuries which may be sustained by the Undersigned at any time while riding with or accompanying a Deputy Sheriff.

It is not the intention of the Undersigned to, and the Undersigned does not, hereby release any other person who inflicts any injury to the person or property of the Undersigned while the Undersigned is participating as an observer.

The Undersigned further states that he/she has carefully read the foregoing Release Agreement, and understands the contents thereof and signs this Release as his/her free act.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lane County

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Parent/Guardian signature if person is under 18