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CITIZEN RIDE ALONG REQUEST FORM

Name: _____ DOB: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 Reason for request: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

I, the undersigned voluntarily request permission to ride in a Los Lunas Police Department Vehicle. I fully understand that the Los Lunas Police Department has no obligation to allow me a private citizen to ride in a police vehicle and that permission is being granted solely upon my voluntary request and upon my express representation that either I nor my assign, successor, guardian or other personal representative will bring any action whatsoever against the Village of Los Lunas and/or the police department for any wrongful death, injury, or property damage I may suffer while riding in this vehicle. I fully hold the Village of Los Lunas and the police department harmless from any such personal injury, death or property damages.

I fully understand that police work is inherently dangerous and the police officers with whom I am assigned will use reasonable care while making decisions relating to my personal safety. Having considered all this, I still voluntarily desire to ride in a police vehicle and subscribe to this Covenant Not To Sue. I further agree to immediately obey all instructions given to me by police personnel and I agree that I will immediately retreat when instructed to do so from the vicinity of any hazardous situation which may be encountered.

It is understood that this Covenant Not To Sue is not intended to release from liability any third party which might cause wrongful death, injuries or property damages to me. Minors participating in this ride along program are permitted providing they show proof of age (16 years) or older and parental consent signed herein on this document. This is a complete understanding between me and/or my parent or guardian and Los Lunas Police Department.

Approved [] Denied [] Date: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Chief, Deputy Chief or Lieutenant (Parent or Guardian Sign below if required.)
 Signature: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this form I agree to the Rules and Regulations on page 2 (attached).

CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No person shall be allowed to ride without having submitted a signed ride-along request and waiver form. Refusal to complete this form, or false statement of any nature on same, will disqualify that person from participating in the program, the request to ride form must be turned into the Police Department five (5) days prior to the requested date of participation. At the Chief, Deputy or the Lieutenant's discretion, exceptions may be made for special circumstances.
2. Participants must obey the orders and instructions given by the Police Officer to whom they are assigned.
3. Participants must not leave the patrol vehicle unless instructed to do so by the Police Officer.
4. When the patrol unit is assigned to a dangerous call, the rider may be dropped off at a safe location and he/she must remain there until the Police Officer or another Police Officer returns to pick him/her up.
5. The rider will provide his/her own transportation to and from police department.
6. Persons with criminal backgrounds will not be allowed to ride with a Police Officer. Background checks may be conducted on all applicants prior to approval of their request being approved.
7. Ride along tours usually last four (4) hours: however: either the officer or the rider may terminate the tour at any time. The Chief, Deputy or Lieutenant shall be advised of early termination.
8. Applicants will be notified by the police department upon completion of the request form within a reasonable period of time if their request has been approved or denied. (All decisions are final)
9. The applicant's participation is a privilege and not a right. The basic premise of the ride along program is to establish rapport with the police and to become more familiar with the functions of Police Officers.
10. Participants shall not converse with any prisoners, suspect, victims or witnesses nor shall they participate in any police activities unless directly requested by Police Officers.
11. All participants must agree not to discuss names of any person involved in police cases or incidents. The observers will be considered a confidant of the police department and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigation be held confidential.
12. Tape recorders and cameras will not be permitted while participating in the program, unless express permission is granted by the Chief, Deputy or the Lieutenant.
13. All participants **Cannot** carry a **Firearm** even if you have a concealed weapons permit. The exception is a certified Police Officer.
14. By signing the **Citizen Ride Along Request Form** & **my initials below**, I agree to the **Rules and Regulations** listed herein.

[] *Initials required confirming that I have read and fully understand these rules and regulations.*
[] *Initials of Parent or Guardian*