



**Department of Public Safety
Bureau of Police**

RIDE – ALONG REQUEST FORM

Requestor Name _____

Date of Request _____ Date of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____ Drivers License # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Employer/School _____

Phone Number _____ Alternative Number _____

Requested Date(s) _____ Requested Time(s) _____

Approved Date(s) _____ Approved Time(s) _____

Division Assigned _____ Report to _____

****Ride Along duration not to exceed 4 hours**
(Must have approval of the Chief of Police to increase ride along hours)**

APPROVAL CHECKLIST
(To be complete by Field Operations Commander)

NCIC Date _____ Initials _____ Positive Negative

Drivers License Date _____ Initials _____ Positive Negative

Traffic Court Date _____ Initials _____ Positive Negative

Criminal History Date _____ Initials _____ Positive Negative

Erie Police Department

Ride Along/ Internship Ride Along Program

Declaration of Assumption of Risk & Release of Liability

I, _____, the undersigned, not being a member of the Police Department of the City of Erie, Pennsylvania, have made a voluntary request for permission to ride as a guest or observer in a Erie Police Department vehicle at a time when it is being operated and staffed by a member or members of the Erie Police Department during the active performance of their duties as a police officer.

I acknowledge that the interaction with the public and activities of the Erie Police Department are inherently dangerous and involve possible risks of injury, death and damage or loss to person or property. I further understand such risks may arise from, but not limited to, acts of God, accident, or negligence (including gross negligence) on the part of all members, employees, or agents of the City of Erie. Whether such members are acting in their official capacity or in individual capacity or within or without the scope of their employment. I freely and voluntarily assume all possible inherent risks, whether or not they are listed herein.

In consideration of my participation in the Ride Along Program that is the subject of this agreement, I do hereby release the City of Erie, its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability arising out of my participation in this program. I hereby voluntarily release, discharge, waive and relinquish any and all actions or cause of action for personal injury, wrongful death, or damage to property or person occurring to participant arising as a result of participation in this activity. I agree to defend and to pay any attorney's fees as a result of any action brought by or against the City of Erie, its police officers, employees or agents, for any acts or conduct on my part of whatever kind of nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such Police Department vehicles, or at any or all of the premises or places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such police officer as aforesaid. I further agree that this waiver of liability by me is binding on my legal representatives, heirs and successors, and shall have the same legal effect as I have agreed to herein.

The undersigned acknowledges that he, she, or legal guardian(if not of legal age) have read the above paragraphs, are fully and completely aware of the potential dangers incidental to participating in this program, and are aware of the legal consequences of signing this release of liability.

Signature of Requestor _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if a minor) _____

Date _____

Witness _____

Date _____

Rules and Regulations For Ride Along/ Intern Ride Along Program

WHO CAN RIDE ALONG?

- Participants in the program must be at least 16 years of age.
- Only one Ride Along is permitted per calendar year.
- Participants must pass back ground check done by the City of Erie.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

- Riders must wear appropriate “business casual” attire which is suitable for having public contact.
- For male participants, the attire will be dress shirt with collar or polo with collar and dress pants or khakis
- For female participants, the attire will be a blouse, dress shirt or polo and dress pants or khakis.
- Tennis shoes, flat sole boots or flat sole dress shoe may be worn.
- Shirts without collars, T-shirts, tank tops, sweat shirts, jeans, shorts, short skirts, halter tops, high heel shoes, baseball caps, beanies and similar attire are **not permissible**.
- Clothing which is similar in any way to uniforms worn by members of the Erie Police Department and any other clothing with lettering emblems, or similar items which might suggest the rider is a police employee are **not permissible**.

RULES

- **You must comply with the following rules. Failure to comply with these rules or acting in a manner inconsistent with the best interests of the police department will result in the immediate termination of your ride, and you will not be allowed to participate in the Ride Along Program in the future.**
- Riders are observers, and you will be under the direct supervision of a police employee. You must comply with all directions and orders given to you by any police employee. You are not to become involved in any incident, conversation, or altercations between police employees and the public.
- You are expected to conduct yourself in a civil, personable, and courteous manner at all times.
- You are to remain seated in the police vehicle; unless the officer specifically tells you that you may accompany the officer.
- You must wear the vehicle seat belt at all times while inside the police vehicle.
- In the event that the officer has to respond to a potentially dangerous situation or hazardous call, you may be dropped off at a safe location away from the incident. If this occurs you will be given specific instructions to follow and the officer will make arrange for another police employee to pick you up.
- You may not carry or use any weapon while you are on a ride along without written permission from the Chief of Police.
- You may not carry or use any audio recording device, video recording device, or other camera while you are on a ride along.
- You may carry a cellular phone with you, but you are not permitted to make and/or receive calls during your Ride Along except in an emergency.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT_____

DATE_____