

**SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**Headquarters Patrol Bureau**  
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**RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

1. Everyone who participates in the Sheriff's Ride-Along Program must complete and sign both sides of the attached application form.
2. Participants under the age of 18 must have the release and waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.
3. Persons under the age of 16 will be allowed to participate by special permission. They will ride during daytime hours only. At least one parent or legal guardian must sign the back of the application form.
4. Approval and scheduling will be made through the Sheriff's Patrol Bureau secretary. The applicant will be notified via mail or telephone of final approval and confirming the date and time to ride unless other arrangements have been made.
5. Participant's attire should reflect good taste and a professional appearance.
6. No one will be permitted to ride more than once without special permission. Approval can be obtained from the Patrol Services Lieutenant or on-duty Sergeant.
7. Because of the potential for police activity to escalate to a dangerous level, all participants will adhere to the directions and instructions of the officer. Participants will not be taken into the scene of potentially dangerous situations.
8. All riders must agree not to publicly discuss the names of persons involved in police matters. It is essential to sound police practices that statements or evidence gathered during criminal investigations be held confidential. No video, photographic, or recording devices are allowed without permission. Note taking is permitted.
9. If an observer is a witness to a crime or significant incident during an investigation, he/she will be listed as such on any reports that are prepared and may be subject to subpoena into court at a later date to testify.

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office  
Ride-Along Program  
Application Form

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street/city): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of any offense other than a traffic violation? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

My interest for a Ride-Along is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dates I am available to ride: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Notification Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street/city): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM**

\*\*\*\*\*OFFICIAL USE ONLY\*\*\*\*\*

**Date completed application returned to Patrol Services Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Records Check:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date & Time Scheduled to Ride:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patrol Lts. Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date given to on-duty Sergeant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant notified on:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\*ON-DUTY SERGEANT USE\*\*\*\*\*

**Applicant rode on:** \_\_\_\_\_ **with:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How long?** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO SHERIFF'S OFFICE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM  
VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, **HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE** that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Ride-Along Program. I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Ride-Along Rules and Regulations regarding my required conduct and responsibilities with respect to the program. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I AM AWARE THAT POLICE WORK IS INHERENTLY DANGEROUS** due to many factors, including the possibility of high speed chases, armed suspects, and potential emotional trauma. **I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE** due to the negligence of the County or otherwise resulting from any aspect of my voluntary participation in the San Mateo Sheriff's Office Ride-Along Program. I intend for this agreement to be binding on my heirs, personal representatives, next of kin, spouse and assigns. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I HERBY WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE FROM LIABILITY THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,** its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, damages, causes of action, demands in law or in equity, resulting from the negligence of the County of San Mateo, its elected and appointed officials, officers, agents and employees, or otherwise resulting from any aspect of my voluntary participation in the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Ride-Along Program. I intend for this agreement to be binding on my heirs, personal representatives, next of kin, spouse and assigns. **Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN AGREEMENT TO ASSUME ALL RISKS AND RELEASE THE COUNTY FROM ALL LIABILITY RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicant is under 18 years old.) **I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN AGREEMENT FOR MY CHILD OR TRUSTEE TO ASSUME ALL RISKS AND TO RELEASE THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO FROM ALL LIABILITY RESULTING FROM MY CHILD'S OR TRUSTEE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM. I HAVE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED THE RELEASE, ITS SIGNIFICANCE AND THE ASSUMPTION OF RISK TO MY MINOR CHILD OR TRUSTEE. BY SIGNING BELOW, I HEREBY GIVE MY CHILD PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND AGREE TO BE BOUND TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED HERIN.**

Parent or  
Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_