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# CITIZEN OBSERVER / RIDE ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Maiden Name |
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| Street / Mailing Address | City / State | Zip Code |
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Cell#: _____ Home#: _____ Work#: _____

DOB#: _____ DL#: _____ Soc Sec#: _____

I hereby request permission to ride as a civilian observer in a Sherwood Police Department patrol vehicle because:

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I further agree with and voluntarily sign the ***Release and Hold Harmless Agreement*** (on reverse).

All requested dates listed below are at least ten (10) days after submitting this application:

1st Choice: Date: _____ Time: _____
2nd Choice: Date: _____ Time: _____
3rd Choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Date

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Date / Time Received: _____ Received By: _____

Checks: CCH ☐ Wanted ☐ DL ☐ RegJIN ☐

Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Assigned By: _____ Date: _____
Supervisor's Name

Name of Officer Assigned to: _____

Ride Along Completed ☐ No ☐ Yes – Date Completed: _____

Officer Comments: _____

# CITIZEN OBSERVER / RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

## RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of being permitted to ride in a vehicle owned and operated by the City of Sherwood, for the expressed purpose of observing operations and facilities of the Police Department, the undersigned agrees to release and hold harmless the City, its agents, employees and elected official from any and all liability to me for personal injury or death or any property damage, whether proximate or remote, sustained during or as a result of my ride as an observer.

I understand that I will be a guest passenger in the vehicle in which I ride and have not offered any payment to the Police Department or its employees for the opportunity to ride. I further understand that I may be summoned as a witness in any proceeding as a result of my observations.

This observation is for my educational benefit. At all times, I agree to obey all orders, instructions and commands of the officer(s) of the Police Department. I fully realize and appreciate the basic nature of law enforcement and the possibility that situations may arise which might result in my exposure to danger of physical harm or injury, including traffic accidents and I am willing to accept these risks. I further agree to keep confidential anything which I may observe or hear. I understand that my observation ride may be terminated at any time without notice.

I authorize the Police Department to conduct a complete records check of me prior to riding and understand that any information of an adverse or criminal nature may disqualify me.

I freely and voluntarily sign this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement in sole reliance of my own independent judgment.

_____ _____

Signature of Applicant Date

PARENTAL ENDORSEMENT (for applicants under age of 18 – minimum age requirement is 15 years): I have read and understand the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement and agree to be bound to its provisions as they apply to my son / daughter, _____. I agree to assume full responsibility for my son / daughter as it would pertain to the provisions set forth.

_____ _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian Date

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# SHERWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT
# CITIZEN OBSERVER (RIDE-ALONG) PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Citizen Observer (Ride-Along) Program follows established guidelines for the protection of the observer. Deviation from these guidelines without the expressed consent of the host officer is cause for immediate termination of the ride-along.

## RULES OF CONDUCT

1. All information and observations acquired by the citizen observer during the ride-along shall be considered strictly confidential unless otherwise stated by the host officer.

2. The citizen observer must realize that any action he / she witnesses during the ride-along may require a court appearance at a later date.

3. Under no circumstances shall a citizen observer:

    a. Be permitted to carry any weapon unless authorized and approved by the shift supervisor.

    b. Operate the patrol vehicle or any other equipment.

    c. Act as an agent for the Department or otherwise perform any police-related duty.

    d. Approach any vehicle on a traffic stop or approach any residence, building, or other situation where the potential for violence exists or a crime is in progress.

    e. Enter any crime scene of a serious nature (such as a homicide) and / or touch, possess, tamper with or otherwise have contact with any evidence.

## SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

The physical safety of the citizen observer is of the utmost importance, therefore, host officers shall weigh situations for potential hazards when responding to calls.

In cases of possible extreme danger (i.e. person with gun), the citizen observer may be let out of the patrol vehicle at a safe distance from the area unless qualified to assist. In situations with a potential for violence (fights, family disturbances, etc.), the citizen observer shall remain in the patrol vehicle unless qualified to assist.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A ride-along shall last a maximum of eight hours. No more than four ride-alongs shall be granted in a calendar year and no more than one in a thirty day period, unless authorized by the shift supervisor. Minimum age requirement is 15 years old.