

CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG REQUEST

Dear Sir:

I would like to ride along on _____, accompanying
(Date)
Officer _____ for the following reason: _____

_____.

I have read and signed the release form and I understand the provisions therein.

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ BEST TIME/DAY TO CONTACT: _____

DATE

SIGNED

PARENT/GUARDIAN (If rider is juvenile)

FROM: CHIEF OF POLICE
TO: OFFICER
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION

REQUEST IS APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

OBSERVER AUTHORIZED TO RIDE _____ ON _____
(hours) (date)

WITH OFFICER _____
(area)

PELL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS CITIZEN OBSERVER RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this general order is to establish procedures for the Police Ride-Along Program.

II. POLICY:

The observer program allows citizens to voluntarily accompany officers and to observe law enforcement activities to better understand problems of policing. The observer may request to ride in any area at any time or with a particular officer. If convenient to the department and conditions permit, permission may be granted. Safety of non-police personnel shall be the primary concern.

III. PROCEDURES:

A. Ride-Along Request:

1. Persons wishing to ride with an officer shall pick up Ride-Along forms at the police department or at the Clerk's office in person between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily. Completed request forms and waivers must be returned at least 48 hours before the desired Ride-Along date. The forms referred to herein are found at the end of this order.
2. The Chief of Police shall grant permission for citizens to ride with police officers. The Chief may perform a records check on any applicant for Ride-Along.

B. Limitations:

1. A person shall not ride unless approval has been granted and the Chief has the properly completed waiver. Approval will be for one specific eight-hour period unless Special limitations or extensions are granted by the Chief of Police.

D. Observer Conduct:

1. Observers shall at all times remain under the complete control of the assigned officer and shall comply with all directions and requests.
2. Observers shall not interfere with investigations in any way by conversing with victims, suspects, or witnesses, handling evidence or police equipment, or participating in any police activity unless directed to do so by the assigned officer.

E. Arrests, transporting, booking:

If the host officer feels there are no hazards involved, the observer may accompany the officer while transporting or booking prisoners. If the officer believes a problem may arise, the observer should be temporarily transferred to another officer or returned to the point of origin.

F. Ending tour:

Upon completion of the ride, the officer will return the observer to the department and thank him (or her) for his (or her) interest. The officer will ask the observer to complete the observer's comment form. Completed observer forms will be forwarded to the Chief of Police for review, and then filed.