

LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Laconia, New Hampshire

**CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG REQUEST**

Dear Sir:

I would like to ride along on \_\_\_\_\_ accompanying Officer \_\_\_\_\_

for the following reason:

\_\_\_\_\_

I have read and signed the Release and Waiver Form and I understand the provisions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City, State, Zip

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time/day to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (if rider is a juvenile): \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \*

To: Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
From: Chief Matthew J. Canfield  
Subject: Authorization to Ride Along

Request is Approved / Disapproved (circle one)

Rider is authorized to ride along on \_\_\_\_\_ with Officer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew J. Canfield, Chief of Police

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**RIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. A rider participating in the Ride-Along Program is required to conform to the following guidelines. Riders shall:
1. Report to the Watch Supervisor at least fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of the shift, suitably attired for contact with the public and weather conditions. T-shirts and worn jeans shall not be considered suitable attire.
  2. Ride during scheduled shift hours to avoid breaking up the Officer's assignment unless other arrangements are approved in advance.
  3. Sign a Waiver of Liability Form. The form shall become a part of the ride-along package.
  4. Be permitted to ride one shift every six months unless the limitation is waived by the Chief of Police or the Operations Division Commander.
  5. Be under the direction of the Officer and comply with all requests made by the Officer.
  6. Be required to wear a seatbelt while in the Cruiser.
  7. Not be allowed to participate in a Police assignment or handle Department equipment unless specifically directed by the Police Officer.
  8. Be prohibited from bringing cameras and recorders unless the rider is a recognized member of the media.
- B. A family member rider shall not be assigned with the relative Officer except with prior approval of the Chief of Police.
- C. Civilians shall not be permitted to ride between the hours of 0100 and 0700 unless prior approval has been obtained from the Chief of Police or the Operations Division Commander.

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**RELEASE AND WAIVER**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that I, \_\_\_\_\_, on my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, estate agents and assigned, and representatives of any nature whatsoever, for and in consideration of the authorization and permission to accompany officers or any officer of the Department during the course of their or his/her duties, which has been granted to me at my voluntary request, being aware of the potential hazards of such activity or activities, do hereby WAIVE AND RELEASE all demands, damages, actions, cause of action, suits and claims of any nature whatsoever, whether in law or in equity, that I or my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, estate agents and assigns, and representatives of any nature whatsoever might otherwise have against the City, the Police Department, and each and every officer, official member, employee, agent and attorney thereof and therefore, and his or her heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and estate, on account of my death or injuries, both to person and to property, whether foreseeable or not, which may occur, directly or indirectly, or develop at any time in the future as a result of my activities or association with the Police Department, whether in a Police vehicle, in the Police Station, or otherwise associated with the Police Department, and Officers and officials thereof in any manner whatsoever.

It is expressly agreed and understood that this WAIVER AND RELEASE shall apply for the express purpose of precluding forever my claims, suits, demands, damages, and causes of action that I or my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, estate agents and assigns and representatives of any nature whatsoever might otherwise assert against any of the aforesaid parties as a result of any association and activities with the Police Department. I hereby declare that the terms of this WAIVER AND RELEASE have been fully read and understood by me, and freely and voluntarily entered into and accepted by me, and I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this agreement. In further consideration of the aforesaid authorization and permission granted to me to accompany an Officer or Officers of the Laconia Police Department at my own request, I hereby promise and agree to fully comply with all instructions given to me for the purpose of protecting my personal safety and that of my property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rider

This WAIVER must be approved by the Chief of Police.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew J. Canfield, Chief of Police

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian (if rider is a juvenile)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness