



CITY OF TORRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE RIDE ALONG APPLICATION

I. General Information

Full Name: _____

Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____

Driver License Number: _____ State Licensed: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone #: (____) ____ - ____

Work Phone #: (____) ____ - ____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Emergency Contact Phone # (____) ____ - ____

Reason(s) and expectation(s) for wanting to participate:

(Add additional pages if necessary)

Please indicate the day of the week and time you desire to participate:

Note: date and time of participation will be determined based on officers' schedule and availability.

1st Preference: Date: _____ Time: _____

2nd Preference: Date: _____ Time: _____



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1. Please check one or more of the categories that apply:

- Student of law enforcement or criminal justice
- Member of the military
- Police Explorer
- Member of federal, state, or local law enforcement agency-if so list agency _____
- A relative, spouse, friend, or other family member
- Department Intern
- Considering a career in law enforcement
- Other

2. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony or have any pending charges?

3. Are you currently involved in any legal process arising from any traffic or criminal matter as either a defendant, plaintiff, or witness?

4. List any criminal or traffic convictions outside the State of Connecticut.

5. Have you ever participated on a ride-along program with the Torrington Police Department or any other law enforcement agency? If yes, list Department and approximate date(s).



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II. Conditions of Participation

1. Participation in the Ride-Along Program is a privilege extended to eligible participants. The shift supervisor may terminate the ride-along at any time for any reason.
2. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) are not permitted to participate in the Ride-Along Program.
3. Participants must sign a waiver of liability and confidentiality agreement prior to involvement in the program.
4. Participants are not allowed to carry firearms or other weapons even if they possess a valid weapons permit issued by the State of Connecticut or other jurisdiction.
5. Participants must have a valid photo ID or driver's license with them when reporting for their scheduled ride-along. A criminal history and operator license check will be conducted prior to individuals being allowed to participate in the Torrington Police Ride-Along Program.
6. Participants must wear appropriate attire with shoes that enclose the entire foot. Suits, sport coats, sweaters, sport shirts, blouses, slacks or dress pants are considered appropriate attire. Open toed shoes, shorts, tank tops, sandals, flip flops, or collarless shirts will not be permitted. Participants will not wear clothing items or accessories which bear a law enforcement affiliation or symbols/logos, etc. The ride-along may be cancelled if the participant is inappropriately dressed.
7. Participants shall be considered strictly observers with the understanding they possess no authority or powers associated with sworn law enforcement personnel. Participants shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned officer and must comply with lawful directions of the officer at all times during the ride-along.
8. Participants are not to interfere with the officer's duties in any way or form. Misconduct, interference, or failure to obey all lawful police instructions on the part of the participant shall result in the immediate termination of the ride-along.
9. Participants are not to use cameras or any type of recording device during involvement in this program without prior written approval of the Chief of Police or his designee.



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10. Participants shall not engage in any activity intended to promote their political candidacy, and/or personal business activity such as photo opportunities, interviews, distribution of business cards, political brochures, fliers, etc..
11. Participants shall not be allowed investigative access to crime or accident scenes. They shall not accompany police on hazardous police activities except: (a) when directed by the officer to come to his or her aid as defined in Connecticut General Statute, 53a-167b; (b) when the participant is taking part in a training program (such as police explorer) which requires direct participation.
12. Participants shall not enter the prisoner processing room or cell area when occupied by prisoners.
13. Participants may not take part in the ride-along program more than four times over a twelve month period without approval from the Chief of Police.
14. Participants must be aware that they may be subpoenaed to court to testify as a witness in regard to his/her observations during particular incidents.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS OF THIS APPLICATION AND HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE WAIVER FURNISHED TO ME: (Note: this is to be signed and dated on the day of participation)

Applicant Signature

Date

(For department use only)

Application Request Approved: Yes No

If denied, reason:

Chief of Police Signature

Date

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Torrington Police Department Ride-Along Liability Waiver, Release, and Indemnification Agreement

WHEREAS, the undersigned has requested permission to ride in a Torrington Police Department vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, I understand that accompanying a police officer in a police vehicle is inherently dangerous, and may involve encounters with violent criminal offenders, may involve stopping or parking on or adjacent to highways, may involve responding to and remaining at emergency scenes, may involve the pursuit of vehicles at high speeds, and may involve many dangers associated with these and other law enforcement activities, and

WHEREAS, I am aware that I will be riding with an armed law enforcement officer whose duty may require responding to crimes or other emergencies or situations on short notice where dangerous circumstances or conditions may not always be sufficiently foreseeable to ensure my safety; that the Torrington Police, the City of Torrington and its employees cannot and do not guarantee my safety; and that I may be injured or killed while responding to or attending the said crimes, emergencies, or situations, and

WHEREAS, I understand this is a voluntary undertaking on my part, that there will be no compensation and there has been no promise of compensation of any kind, that I will not have or be given any law enforcement authority or arrest powers for purposes of this ride-along, and that I will not be permitted to carry a firearm or other weapon unless I am already a certified law enforcement officer, and

WHEREAS, the Torrington Police Department does not object to my riding along during law enforcement operations provided that I understand and assume for myself all risk associated with riding along, and that I also absolve and indemnify the Torrington Police, and its employees from any and all liability arising out of injury or damages that I may receive in connection with riding along, and

WHEREAS, it is my intent by signing this release and waiver to absolve, hold harmless, and indemnify, the Torrington Police Department, and its employees for any and all injuries and damages I may suffer by participating in the ride-along program.

I now, for and in consideration of allowing the undersigned to ride as a passenger in a Torrington Police Department vehicle, hereby release, discharge and hold harmless the Torrington Police Department, and its employees from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action that I, my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, may now have or that might subsequently accrue to me, my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns arising out of or connected with, directly or indirectly, the accommodation afforded to me on the part of the Torrington Police Department or the City of Torrington Connecticut in allowing me to ride as a passenger in a Torrington Police Department vehicle.

I further agree that I am aware that I may receive injuries, damages, or other sickness as a result of riding in a Torrington Police Department vehicle during law enforcement operations, and further hereby release the City of Torrington, Connecticut and the Torrington Police Department, and its employees from all liability, claims, demands, costs, charges, and expenses from any personal injuries, damages, and/or sickness that might be sustained by me.

Understanding that there may be injuries, damages, and/or sickness that are unknown to me at the present time, I further release discharge and hold harmless the City of Torrington, Connecticut and the Torrington Police Department, and its employees from any and all claims related to the complication or exacerbation of an existing but unknown condition that may be sustained or suffered as a result of my participation in this ride-along program.

Further I release discharge and hold harmless not only for myself, but for my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, the and its Torrington Police Department employees and the City of Torrington Connecticut from any and all claims and causes of action, including without limitation, claims for property damage, direct or indirect medical expenses, pain and suffering, disability, loss of income, and any losses, costs or expenses including attorney fees if any, based on any injuries or damages that I may sustain as a result of riding in a Torrington Police Department vehicle.

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As an additional consideration for allowing me to ride in a Torrington Police Department vehicle, I agree to indemnify the Torrington Police Department and its employees and the City of Torrington, Connecticut, their legal representatives and assigns against loss from and all further claims, demands, and actions at law or in equity that may hereafter at any time be made or brought by any other person, institution and/or corporation or agency of government for damages on account of any injuries or other damages sustained in consequence of the above-described accommodation on the part of the Torrington Police Department.

I have received training in the use of the police radio and emergency equipment associated with Torrington Police Department vehicles. I will use these items only in case of emergency situations or as instructed by the officer assigned to supervise my participation in this program.

The consideration stated herein is contractual and I execute and deliver this release and waiver after having read it entirely and understanding its terms, contents, and effects.

This is the entire ride-along release and waiver, which can only be modified in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Agreement on this date:

Print Name

Signature

Date

City of Torrington

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____
Commissioner of Superior Court