

# SIERRA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Ride-Along / Observation Program

### *Waiver of Liability*

For and in consideration of the undersigned being given the opportunity of observing police operations and functions, by riding in a vehicle operated by a member of the Sierra Vista Police Department, I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the City of Sierra Vista, its employees and agents, both personally, and as agents and employees, from any and all liability for any damage and injury, which I may receive while riding in or upon said motor vehicles and which I may receive while accompanying a Sierra Vista Police Officer, regardless of the cause of such damage or injury, whether through negligence or otherwise. This also holds true if and when the undersigned participates in an observation period in the Communications Bureau.

This release of liability and agreement by me to the City of Sierra Vista, its employees and agents, shall apply to any right of action that might accrue to myself, my heirs and my personal representative. Further, I agree to assume all risks in riding in Sierra Vista Police motor vehicles and in accompanying its officers and agents and I am fully aware that personal danger may be involved. I agree to assume all risks that may be encountered while observing in the Communications Bureau as well. I also agree to abide by the rules established for civilian observers listed below.

### **Civilian Observer Rules**

The following rules of dress and conduct must be obeyed prior to and during the ride-along or observation period in the Communications Bureau. Civilian observers **MUST** read and initial each rule prior to the approval of the Ride-Along Waiver of Liability form.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers are required to be properly bathed and groomed.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers must be properly dressed. (No shorts, no T-shirts, no sandals, no midriff tops; clothing must be clean and without holes.)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers should bring sufficient money or make arrangements for meal breaks if they desire to eat.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers may be dropped off at a well-lighted area, preferably a convenient store, if the officer is assigned a dangerous call or is involved in a pursuit. The observer is asked to have sufficient money to make a telephone call, or bring a cell phone to use, if a ride becomes necessary.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers should be prepared for periods of inactivity while officers prepare reports, investigate crimes or are otherwise engaged in administrative duties.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers are prohibited from carrying weapons during the ride-along or observation period in the Communications Bureau.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers are prohibited from becoming involved in an arrest or other dangerous situations.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian observers are prohibited from bringing or using video cameras, cameras or recording devices, unless they receive prior approval of the Police Division Commander. (Requests for approval should be submitted in writing, in advance, so the request can be considered prior to the ride-along.)
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Any actions or behavior on the part of the civilian observer that would interfere with an officer or Dispatcher performing their duty may result in the termination of the ride-along or observation period.

This waiver and release from liability shall be in effect and fully operative for a period of one year from the date of execution. The maximum number of ride-along time shall not exceed twenty (20) hours in one year.

**With the exception of your signature, please clearly print all other applicable information.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's **Current** Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST M.I. LAST

Rider's **Maiden** Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If applicable) FIRST M.I. LAST

Any **Other** Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If applicable) FIRST M.I. LAST

Rider's **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # : Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

**A notarized signature of a parent/guardian is necessary before a rider under age 18 can participate in this program. A Police Department employee, in lieu of a notary, may also witness the parent/guardian signature.**

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public / SVPD Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Shift Supervisor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Public Access: \_\_\_\_\_ CA Website \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Lieutenant Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

**Communications:** Please query ACIC/NCIC for a warrant check. Indicate response on both:

ACIC: \_\_\_\_\_ NCIC \_\_\_\_\_ Response Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Records:** Please query SVPD files and indicate results: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ride-Along Record**

Date	Officer Signature	Supervisor Signature	# of Hours

Please bring this completed form to the Sierra Vista Police Department, 911 N. Coronado Drive, before scheduling your first ride-along or observation. Ride-alongs can be requested at [www.SierraVistaAZ.gov](http://www.SierraVistaAZ.gov).