

**SIERRA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Civilian Observation/Ride-Along 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 motor vehicle operated by a member of the SVPD, 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 Department officer, regardless of the cause of such damage or injury, whether through negligence or otherwise. 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 me, my heirs, and my personal representative. Further, I agree to assume all risks in riding in City of Sierra Vista motor vehicles and in accompanying its officers and agents and I am fully aware that personal danger may be involved. 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. Civilian observers must read and initial each rule prior to the approval of the Ride-along Waiver of Liability.

- \_\_\_ 1) Civilian observers must be properly bathed and groomed. Clothing must be clean and without holes (no shorts, t-shirts, sandals, or midriff tops).
- \_\_\_ 2) Civilian observers should bring sufficient money or make arrangements for meal breaks.
- \_\_\_ 3) Civilian observers may be dropped off at a well-lighted area if the officer is assigned a dangerous call or is involved in a pursuit. The observer should have a cell phone or other means to arrange for a ride if it becomes necessary.
- \_\_\_ 4) Civilian observers should be prepared for periods of inactivity while officers prepare reports, investigate crimes, or are otherwise engaged in administrative duties.
- \_\_\_ 5) Civilian observers are prohibited from carrying weapons during the ride-along.
- \_\_\_ 6) Civilian observers are prohibited from becoming involved in arrest or other dangerous situations.
- \_\_\_ 7) Civilian observers are prohibited from still, video, or audio recording any portion of the ride-along or observation unless they receive prior approval of the Police Division Commander. (Requests should be submitted in writing, in advance, to allow consideration prior to the ride-along.)
- \_\_\_ 8) Any action or behavior on the part of the civilian observer that would interfere with the officer performing their duty may result in the ride-along being terminated.

Civilian Observer Name (PRINT CLEARLY)	Signature	Date*
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**This waiver may be utilized for multiple observations during a one-year period. A new waiver and background check must be completed if more than one year has passed since signature date.**

A notarized signature of a parent or guardian is necessary to verify parent/guardian relationship and permission before an observer under the age of 18 may participate in the program. A Sierra Vista Police Department employee may witness a parent/guardian signature in lieu of a notary.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT CLEARLY)	Signature	Date
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SVPD Employee Name	Signature	Date
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State of Arizona            )  
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County of Cochise        )

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, whose identity was proven to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who he or she claims to be, and acknowledged that he or she signed the above document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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<u>Civilian Observer's Contact Information (PRINT CLEARLY)</u>			
Name (first, middle, last)	Cell/Home Phone	DOB	
Maiden/Other Name	Work Phone	Observation Day/Time Preference	
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Driver License #	State		
Signature			Date

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 Records Clerk Name                      SVPD Records Search Date

County Attorney Site     
  Public Access     
  ACIC/ NCIC     
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Date Completed

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Patrol Bureau Commander Signature     
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Approved     
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Denied     
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Forwarded to supervisor  
for scheduling  
(Date & Supv. Badge #)

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The maximum number of ride-along time may not exceed 20 hours per year.

Date	Hours	Officer	Supervisor

**Please return this completed form to Records after ride-along/observation is complete.**