

7. The purpose of this ride along is:

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

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, HAVE NOT CHANGED IT ORALLY, AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

**FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18**

This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her of liability, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Release from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name & Emergency Phone # (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ CDL#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only**

Photo ID Verified  968  In-House  RAP  CopLink   
RA in Last Year:  NO  YES DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Verifying Officer's Name, I.D#, and Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
If Denied, reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commander Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief's Approval (If Required): \_\_\_\_\_  
Scheduled Date & Time of RA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vest #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Santa Ana Police Department

## Civilian Ride-Along Program



**Robert Rodriguez**  
Acting Chief of Police

*The mission of the Santa Ana Police Department is to deliver public safety services to our community with the utmost professionalism and integrity.*

Dear Applicant:  
Thank you for inquiring about the Santa Ana Police Department's Ride-Along Program. This program provides members of the community with the opportunity to see firsthand how their police department handles calls for service. In order to manage the number of ride-along requests and to provide for the safety of the participants, the following rules have been established:

**Who can ride-along?**

Members of the Santa Ana Explorer Program and authorized members of the community who are at least 18 years of age. Any exceptions must be approved by the Chief of Police.

**How do I obtain authorization?**

All patrol ride-alongs must be approved by the Chief of Police or the Watch Commander. Ride-along with officer/employees assigned to units outside the Police Department's Patrol Division, shall be considered on a case-by-case basis, and require approval from the affected Division Commander, or the Chief of Police.

To apply, you must contact the Station Supervisor at (714) 245-8701 at least 2 weeks prior to the date you want to ride. You will be asked to complete a ride-along application/waiver and will undergo a background check. Upon approval, you will be contacted to schedule your ride-along.

**Do I have to sign something?**

Yes. You are required to sign an Accident Waiver that frees our insurance carrier and the Department from liability in the unlikely event that you are injured while on a ride-along. If you are under 18, your parents must also sign the waiver.

**Does that mean I could get hurt?**

Police work by its very nature is dangerous. The officer you ride with will take all reasonable precautions to minimize your exposure to dangerous events or conditions.

**When can I ride-along?**

Ride-alongs are permitted during the days (Watch I) and afternoon (Watch II) shifts and generally last 8 hours in duration.

**What should I wear?**

You may dress semi-casual but your clothes should be clean and neat. Remember to dress for the weather, officers typically drive with their windows rolled down (to hear better) regardless of the temperature.

**Can I bring a camera?**

Due to constitutional rights of privacy, cameras and tape recorders are not allowed to be carried on Ride-alongs.

**Are there things I should not do?**

Yes. Do not interfere with officers while they are performing their duties. Afterwards, the officer may answer your questions about how the incident was handled.

**ACCIDENT WAIVER – ADULT**

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has voluntarily sought and obtained permission from them Santa Ana Police Department to accompany Santa Ana Police Officers during the performance of their duties, both on patrol and otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the undersigned to accompany Santa Ana Police Officers in their police automobiles and during Investigations and Interrogations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the permission granted to me to accompany Santa Ana Police Officers as described in the preamble hereof and keeping in mind the possible danger which may arise during such activities, the undersigned does hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. That so long as he/she shall be in the company of Santa Ana Police Officers, or shall be in a motor vehicle operated by a Santa Ana Police Officer, or so long as he/she participates in the ride-along in whatever manner, (the undersigned) assumes any and all risk of injury to his/her person or property, and all risk of death, regardless of what causative factor or factors may lead to his/her injury or death, or property damage.
2. That he/she forever releases the City of Santa Ana and all its officers, employees, and agents, and each and every person of officer working with any member of said Santa Ana Police Department, all hereinafter referred to as "Release" from any and all liability or responsibility for any personal injury, death, or property damage suffered by him/her (the undersigned) while he/she is a passenger in any Santa Ana Police vehicle, while he/she is in the police station of the City of Santa Ana, or while he/she is at the location of any interrogation or investigation, with or in the company of such employee, member or representative of said Santa Ana Police Department, and each and every person working with any member of said Santa Ana Police Department.
3. That he/she covenants and agrees, for both himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators, or assignees, to hold and save the City of Santa Ana and all of its officers, employees and agents harmless from any liability or claim that may result from any injury to this person or from his/her death, or from any damage to any property owned by him/her or in his/her custody.
4. That this agreement to waive all claims and liability, to release the City of Santa Ana and all of said persons herein before described from any claim for liability or damage, and to save it and all of said persons harmless from any suit for damages, as herein above set out shall operate and be binding on the said undersigned, his/her heirs and personal representatives as to all times he/she is exercising the privilege or privileges herein granted.
5. I understand that I may become involved as a witness in a criminal or civil proceeding by virtue of the activity I may observe. I may be required to appear and testify in a court of law.
6. I affirm that I have not been arrested for a misdemeanor in the last year, or a felony in the last five years.