

**SOLEDAD POLICE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION FORM
COVENANT NOT TO SUE; PROMISE TO RELEASE**

Date: _____
Name: _____ Date of birth: _____
Home: _____
Business address or school: _____
Home telephone number: _____ Social Security #: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair: _____ Eyes: _____ DL#: _____
Occupation or school grade: _____
Next of kin and relationship: _____
Home address: _____
Home telephone number: _____
Reason for ride-along request: _____

Officer assigned: _____
Date/time span of ride-along: _____
Supervisor approving: _____

The Soledad Police Department is pleased the you want to participate in our ride-along program. The members of the Department welcome and encourage interaction with us through the ride-along program to learn first-hand how we provide service and protection to our community. **This is our community and your police department.** The purpose of this program is to provide interested persons with an insight into the field operations of the Department. It is our hope that you will find the experience both informative and enjoyable.

We would like you to be fully aware of the conditions and circumstances under which the ride-along program operates:

- You will be assigned to ride with a regular sworn police officer or supervisor who will be assigned to his/her normal duties and who will respond to all calls for service to which he/she is assigned.

- Police officers can be and often are assigned duties that involve danger and serious risks. The officer or supervisor with whom you are riding is no different. He/she will not avoid or disregard duties that involve emergencies or danger simple because you are accompanying him/her.

- Police officers can be and often are assigned duties that involve observing physical injury or death or that may be emotionally traumatic. The officer or supervisor with whom you are riding is no different. He/she will not avoid or disregard duties that involve those situations simply because you are accompanying him/her.

- Police officers can be and often are assigned duties that require maintaining confidentiality due to the nature of the incident or the type or status of an investigation. The officer or supervisor with whom you are riding is no different. You must understand and maintain any confidentiality as directed by the police officer or supervisor with whom you are riding.
- Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure your safety, but the first responsibility of the police officer or supervisor will be to carry out his/her assigned duties.
- The police officer or supervisor you will accompany will be happy to discuss his/her duties and responsibilities insofar as time and circumstances permit. If, however, some emergency should arise, you must immediately and without question comply with any orders or directions given to you by the police officer or supervisor. **This is for your own safety.**
- **Law enforcement personnel who are authorized under state or federal statutes to carry a firearm while off-duty are nevertheless prohibited due to civil liability concerns from carrying a firearm while participating in the ride-along program.**
- **Civilians who are authorized under state statutes to carry a concealed firearm are nevertheless prohibited due to civil liability concerns from carrying a firearm while participating in the ride-along program.**

In consideration of permission I have received to accompany one or more police officers or supervisors of the Soledad Police Department in the course of his/her or their duties, I, the undersigned, release the City of Soledad, its police officers, public officials, agents, servants, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability, claims (including attorney's fees), demands, actions, and causes of action that I may hereafter have on account of any and all injuries and damage to me or to my property, or my death arising out of or related to any happening or occurrence while I am accompanying any police officer, supervisor, or agent of the Soledad Police Department on duty or incidental thereto. For the same consideration I promise to release, and covenant not to sue, the City of Soledad and the said persons, and agree to forever hold them and each of them harmless from any such liability, claims (including attorney's fees), demands, actions, or causes of action.

The terms hereof shall be of full force and effect on the date hereof and on any other occasion when I may hereafter accompany any Soledad Police Department police officer, supervisor, or agent.

I have read and understand the conditions of the program as stated above and hereby voluntarily assume all risks of loss, damage, or injury to me or my property, including death, that may be sustained while or incidental to accompanying one or more Soledad Police Department police officers, supervisors, or agents while on duty.

This release and agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigned, and shall insure to the benefit of the City of Soledad, agents, public officials and persons herein designated, and their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, assigns, and successors in office.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONSENT:

I, the undersigned, represent that I am the legally appointed or natural guardian of the above person who is under the age of 18 years; that he/she has signed the within and foregoing document with my full knowledge and consent; and that I join in the execution of the same and agree to the terms thereof and do hereby bind myself and independently agree to the same terms and provisions for me and my heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home address: _____

Home telephone number: _____

Identification presented: _____