

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

This document contains instructions for submitting a request to participate in the Ride Along Program with a deputy or with our Air Support Unit. You may keep this cover sheet following the completion of the Request/Agreement form (attached).

REQUEST SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

You may pick up a Ride Along Program Request/Agreement from the Kern County Sheriff's Office, located at 1350 Norris Road, Bakersfield, CA during regular office hours (Mon-Fri 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.). Once you have completed the attached form, return the completed form to the Sheriff's Office. Information about your height and weight is only required for requests to ride in one of our aircraft and is necessary for the safe operation of the aircraft, so please be accurate. Due to the volume of requests we receive, we will only make a limited number of attempts to contact you for your ride along, so make sure to leave us a telephone number and email address where we can reach you. A photocopy of your government identification must be attached to your ride along request form, or the request will not be processed.

RIDE ALONG SCHEDULING

Once you have submitted the Ride Along Request/Agreement and it has been approved, you will be scheduled for a ride along. Due to several factors, there may be a substantial waiting period. For the aircraft ride along; weather, temperature, and qualified aircraft availability impact our ability to carry passengers. For these reasons, you may be "bumped" at the last minute. In these cases, you will be re-scheduled without having to submit another request.

DEPARTMENTAL RIDE ALONG POLICY

The Kern County Sheriff's Office will provide certain individuals the opportunity to observe the operation of the Sheriff's Office through the Ride Along Program. The level or type of observation allowed will be defined by the approving authority. Participation in this program is a privilege and a supervisor may terminate an individual's participation at any time for inappropriate behavior on the part of the participant or for operational requirements of the department. Participants must follow the instructions of the deputy. Individuals accepted for this program will only be allowed to observe and will not perform tasks or otherwise involve themselves in any activity, nor will they possess any firearm, weapon or other device which is used to incapacitate (i.e. pepper spray, mace, etc.). Peace Officers as defined by Penal Code Section 830.1 are exempted from this weapon prohibition. Peace Officers carrying weapons aboard Sheriff's aircraft must inform the Flight Crew prior to boarding.

Program participants will adhere to a dress code policy because they have an impact upon our image. If improperly dressed, they may be mistaken by other citizens and/or officers for other than program participants. All clothing worn must be clean and in good condition. Supervisors may reject participants who are improperly dressed or require inappropriate apparel items (i.e. jewelry, chains, etc.) be removed. The dress code is a button front shirt with collar with no logos or printed wording of any kind. Dress pants. No jeans, baggy pants, skirts or dresses. Dress or casual shoes. No sandals or athletic footwear. Jackets or sweaters may be worn but must be free of logos or printed wording. No hats. Members of the Sheriff's Office Citizen Service Unit and Explorer Post will wear their appropriate uniform.

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NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)			DATE OF BIRTH
ADDRESS (NUMBER, STREET, CITY)			TELEPHONE NUMBER
OCCUPATION	*HEIGHT	*WEIGHT	EMAIL ADDRESS

REASON FOR REQUESTING A RIDE ALONG:

Attach photocopy of your governmental picture identification card

*Required only for aircraft ride-along

AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OF INJURY, DEATH, OR DAMAGE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

CAUTION: PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING!!!

_____, not being a member of the Sheriff's Office of the County of Kern, have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in an aircraft or vehicle assigned to the Kern County Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties. No member of the Sheriff's Office took the initiative respecting my opportunity for such ride. I freely contacted the Sheriff's Office and am under no compulsion from any source to ride in a Sheriff's aircraft or vehicle. I know it has been emphasized to me that the work of the Sheriff's Office is inherently dangerous for any number of reasons, some of which are foreseeable and some of which are not, and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or damage to my property by accompanying a member or members of the Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties. **I UNDERSTAND THAT CIVILIANS ARE PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING WEAPONS WHILE RIDING AS AN OBSERVER.** I freely, voluntarily, with such knowledge assume the risk of death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or in any way connected with any cause or causes including, but not limited to the use of weapons, unlawful acts or forcible resistance by law violators, assault, riot, breach of the peace, fire, explosion, aircraft accidents or collisions, gas, electrocution, or the escape of radioactive substances while accompanying a member or members of the Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties. I furthermore am aware of the risk and freely and voluntarily assume the risk of **ANY PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN ANY PART OR DEGREE BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY ANY MEMBER OF THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PURSUANT TO MY REQUEST.**

I AGREE THAT:

1. At all times I am participating as an observer of the Sheriff's Office. I shall obey the instructions of any of its members.

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NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	DATE OF BIRTH

2. The County of Kern, its officers, agents and employees, Donny Youngblood, Sheriff of the County of Kern, his sureties, all members of the Sheriff's Office of the County of Kern, their sureties, and each of them, shall not be responsible or liable for and I hereby release each and all from any responsibility or liability for any death, damage, loss or expense, either to me or my property, incurred or occurring while riding in any aircraft or vehicle assigned to the Kern County Sheriff's Office or while accompanying any member or members of said Office during the performance of their official duties **CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN ANY PART OR DEGREE BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY ANY MEMBER OF THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND COUNTY PERSONNEL WHO MAINTAIN COUNTY VEHICLES.**

3. I, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns will defend and indemnify the County of Kern, its officers, agents and employees, Donny Youngblood, Sheriff of Kern County, all members of the Kern County Sheriff's Office, their sureties and each of them, against all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, or damages or liability or expense of every kind of nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission of mine while riding in any aircraft or vehicle assigned to the Kern County Sheriff's Office, or while accompanying any member or members of said Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties.

CAUTION

READ THIS DOCUMENT IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING

I hereby represent that I have carefully read and understand the contents of this document and sign the same of my own free will.

SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

WITNESS SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED	APPROVED BY (CHIEF DEPUTY/COMMANDER OR ASU OIC)
DATE CONTACTED	DATE APPROVED
DATE SCHEDULED	DATE PARTICIPATED