



## DESCHUTES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CITIZEN OBSERVER (RIDE-ALONG) APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Last, First Middle)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
AKA's

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last 4 of SS#

\_\_\_\_\_  
DL # / State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (If Different) City State Zip Code

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

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request permission to ride as a civilian observer in a Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle because:

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

I further agree with and have voluntarily signed the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement.

All requested dates listed below are at least seven (7) days after submitting this application:

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

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*Make sure you read, sign and date the Hold Harmless Agreement on the back of this form.**

On \_\_\_\_\_ the above subject completed a Ride-Along with \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Print Deputy Name

### FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHED:  CCH  WANTS  DL  RAP SHEET

APPROVED

DENIED

BY: \_\_\_\_\_



**FULL RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
DESCHUTES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

In consideration of being permitted to ride in a vehicle owned and operated by Deschutes County for the express purpose of observing operations and facilities of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, I agree to Release and Hold Harmless, without limitation, Deschutes County, its employees, elected officials, and agents from any and all liability for personal injury or death and/or any property damage, whether proximate or remote, sustained during or as a result of my participation as an observer.

I understand that I will be a guest passenger in the vehicle in which I ride and have not offered any payment to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office or its employees for the opportunity to ride. This observation is for my educational benefit. At all times, I agree to obey all orders, instructions and commands of the employees of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. I understand that my participation in this program may be terminated at any time without notice. If emergency circumstances dictate, I may be dropped off in the field at a safe location.

I fully realize and appreciate the nature of law enforcement as a dangerous activity and the possibility that situations may arise which might result in my exposure to danger of physical harm or injury, including but not limited to traffic accidents, use of weapons, unlawful acts, forcible resistance by criminal suspects, assault and furthermore I am fully aware that there may be risks and hazards unknown to me connected with being an observer in this activity, and I am voluntarily willing to accept full responsibility for all of these above risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, or death, whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise.

I further agree to keep confidential anything I observe or hear. I further understand that I may be summoned as a witness in court or other proceedings as a result of being a participant in this program.

It is my express intent that this Release shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant Not to Sue the above named releasees.

No oral representation, statements or inducements, apart from this written agreement have been made.

I authorize the Sheriff's Office to conduct a complete records check on me (including criminal history) prior to riding and I understand that any information of an adverse or criminal nature may disqualify me.

I freely and voluntarily sign this Release and Hold Harmless agreement in sole reliance of my own independent judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name



Deschutes County Sheriff's Office  
63333 W. Highway 20, Bend OR 97703  
541-388-6655

## Citizen Ride-Along Program Rules

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Citizen Ride-Along Program is intended to bring the Sheriff's Office and the community closer together. Interested citizens have an opportunity to ride with one of our deputies during a portion of their regular shifts. Prior to approval, a local area want/warrant check and name query will be completed. Any record revealed will be reviewed per the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office policy.

### Rules

1. Citizens may ride for a duration of 4 hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. These hours can be restricted at any time.
2. Participants are required to dress in a neat and appropriate manner. All participants are asked **NOT** to wear:
  - all black clothing
  - shorts
  - blue jeans with holes
  - open-toe shoes

Appropriate dress would consist of nice jeans or dress pants, blouse/dress or sport shirt, sweater, jacket and appropriate footwear. Participants can be denied their ride if Command Staff/assigned deputies deems the dress to be inappropriate.

3. No alcohol consumption 12 hours prior to your Ride-Along.
4. No firearms are permitted even if you have a CCW permit, unless you are a sworn peace officer.
5. Participants are asked to bring a cellular phone/change to make a phone call in case of an emergency situation (robbery, riot, pursuit). The phone must remain powered off during the Ride-Along; emergency calls for you may be received through nonemergency dispatch at 541-693-6911.

6. Cameras and recording equipment may not be taken or used during the ride unless approved by Command Staff/assigned deputy.
7. The appropriate waiver/release form must be filled out and signed prior to riding, with no exceptions.
8. Participants are asked to arrive at the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (63333 W. Highway 20, Bend) 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time.
9. The date/time for a participant's Ride-Along will be set by the program coordinator after approval of the application. Every effort will be made to schedule a participant at his/her requested date and time.
10. Participants may be exposed to privileged/confidential information and must agree not to discuss such information with anyone.
11. While riding with a deputy, participants will remain in the deputy's vehicle at all times, unless otherwise directed, and will obey without hesitation any and all instructions/directions given by the deputy.
12. Participants are prohibited from handling and/or operating any equipment inside of the patrol vehicles to include the MDT (Mobile Computer, Firearms, Emergency Equipment, etc.)
13. Because of the active response to this program, we must limit the number of Ride-Alongs once per calendar year (every 12 months).
14. A participant's ride can be denied/limited by Command Staff/assigned deputy if the above rules have not been met or for any unforeseen circumstances.

**For more information**

Call 541-388-6655