

NEW CARROLLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ride-Along / Observation 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 vehicle operated by a member of the New Carrollton Police Department, I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the State of Maryland, Prince George's County, and the City of New Carrollton, its employees and agents, both personally, and as agents and employees, and their successors and assigns 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 New Carrollton Police Officer, regardless of the cause of such damage or injury, whether through negligence or otherwise. This also holds true if and when the undersigned participates in an observation period in the City of New Carrollton or New Carrollton Police Department Headquarters.

This release of liability and agreement by me to the City of New Carrollton, New Carrollton Police Department, its employees and agents, shall apply to any right of action that might accrue to myself, my heirs and my personal representative. Further, I agree to assume all risks in riding in New Carrollton Police motor vehicles and in accompanying its officers and agents and I am fully aware that personal danger may be involved. I agree to assume all risks that may be encountered while observing in the New Carrollton Police Department Headquarters as well. 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 or observation period with the New Carrollton Police Department. Civilian observers MUST read and initial each rule prior to the approval of the Ride-Along Waiver of Liability form.

1. _____ Civilian observers are required to be properly bathed and groomed.
2. _____ Civilian observers must be properly dressed. (No shorts, no T-shirts, no sandals, no midriff tops; clothing must be clean and without holes.)
3. _____ Civilian observers should bring sufficient money or make arrangements for meal breaks if they desire to eat.
4. _____ Civilian observers may be dropped off at a well-lighted area, preferably a convenient store, if the officer is assigned a dangerous call or is involved in a pursuit. The observer is asked to have sufficient money to make a telephone call, or bring a cell phone to use, if a ride becomes necessary.
5. _____ Civilian observers should be prepared for periods of inactivity while officers prepare reports, investigate crimes or are otherwise engaged in administrative duties.
6. _____ Civilian observers are prohibited from carrying weapons during the ride-along or observation period in the Communications Bureau.
7. _____ Civilian observers are prohibited from becoming involved in an arrest or other dangerous situations.
8. _____ Civilian observers are prohibited from bringing or using video cameras, cameras or recording devices, unless they receive prior approval of the Patrol Division Commander or Operations Commander. (Requests for approval should be submitted in writing, in advance, so the request can be considered prior to the ride-along.)
9. _____ Any actions or behavior on the part of the civilian observer that would interfere with an Officer or Administrative Staff performing their duty may result in the termination of the ride-along or observation period.

I have read and will comply with the above rules and provisions.

Signature of Participant and/or Parent

Sworn and Subscribed before me this the
_____ of _____, 20____

My Commission expires _____.

Signature of Notary

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