

**STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM  
APPLICATION**

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ SS # \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nicknames or aliases: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, for what reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Strongsville Police Department and its employees to conduct a record check of my background in order to determine my eligibility to participate in the Citizen Ride-Along Program.

I have been informed of the possible dangers associated with law enforcement work and understand completely that there are dangers involved in riding in a police vehicle with a police officer who is on patrol. These dangers include, but are not limited to issuing traffic citations, serving warrants for arrest, responding to various types of crimes or calls for service, and making physical arrests when necessary.

I have reviewed and completed the "Agreement Including Release and Indemnification" form.

I have read and understand the attached "Notice of Confidentiality of Department Information & Rules of Conduct" and agree to abide by all the rules associated with the ride-along program.

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

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Photo identification (State driver's license or State identification card) must be presented before any person will be authorized to ride-along.*

Chief or Designee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## AGREEMENT INCLUDING RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Strongsville (hereinafter referred to as "CITY") consents and agrees to permit \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "CITIZEN OBSERVER"), to participate in the Strongsville Police Department's Citizen Ride-Along Program subject to the adherence of the CITIZEN OBSERVER to any provisions set out in the rules and regulations of the Strongsville Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises, covenants, and agreements set forth in this Agreement, the CITY and CITIZEN OBSERVER agree that the CITY, its agents or employees, shall not be liable or responsible for, and shall be SAVED, HELD HARMLESS, RELEASED and INDEMNIFIED by CITIZEN OBSERVER from and against any and all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims, or liability of any character type, or description, including but not limited to all expenses of litigation, court costs, and attorney fees for injury or death to any person, or damage to any property received or sustained by any person or persons or property arising out of, or occasioned by, directly or indirectly, the participation of CITIZEN OBSERVER in the Strongsville Police Department's Citizen Ride-Along Program including claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence of the CITY, its agents or employees.

It is the express intent of the parties to this agreement that the indemnity provided for in this agreement is an indemnity extended by citizen observer to indemnify and protect the city from any and all claims or actions as set forth above, of any kind, arising directly or indirectly from the participation of citizen observer in the program, regardless of whether such claims or actions are founded in whole or in part upon alleged negligence of city, its representatives, agents or employees.

It is further understood and agreed that the CITIZEN OBSERVER will participate solely as an individual on a voluntary basis and not as an employee, contractor or agent of the CITY or its agents or employees.

In making this Agreement, CITIZEN OBSERVER relies wholly upon his/her judgment, belief and knowledge and has not been influenced to any extent whatsoever by any representative or statements not contained in this Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITIZEN OBSERVER SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMERGENCY CONTACT AND PHONE NUMBER

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

# **STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

### **NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF DEPARTMENT INFORMATION**

1. Citizen ride-alongs shall not disclose or allow access to material, documents or information contained in or obtained from Local, State, Federal law enforcement databases or sources, or any other agency of Local, State or Federal government, unless such disclosure or access is authorized by law.
2. Citizen ride-alongs shall not use any information derived from Strongsville Police Department sources or records for personal gain or use, except as authorized by law or department policies and procedures.
3. Citizen ride-alongs shall not permit any person to receive information connected with the operations of the Strongsville Police Department without permission of the Police Chief or as otherwise provided by law or departmental policies and procedures.
4. Citizen ride-alongs shall not disclose to anyone the fact or the nature of any investigation except as provided by law or department policies and procedures.
5. Citizen ride-alongs shall not give any unauthorized person any information concerning the location of records, weapons, ammunition, the number of officers on duty, shift assignment, patrol beat areas, or other operational matter.
6. Serving the public provides each of us with a great responsibility. Consequently, there can be no compromise in the requirement for all citizen ride-alongs to follow the Strongsville Police Department policies and procedures on records and information and this "Notice of Confidentiality of Department Information." Any violations of said requirements shall subject citizen ride-alongs to possible civil and criminal penalties.

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### **RULES OF CONDUCT**

#### **Citizen Ride-Along Responsibilities**

1. Observers should be aware that the police officer has a duty to perform and that the observer should not, in any way, interfere with the carrying out of that duty. For example, questions should not be asked while the officer is involved in activity.
2. No weapons, such as firearms, batons, O.C. spray, etc., will be carried by a ride-along participant unless specifically approved in advance by the Chief of Police or his designee.
3. Observers are encouraged to ask questions, but should not criticize an officer's actions.
4. Riders must show respect to any and all persons encountered during the ride, and will refrain from the use of abusive or profane language.
5. Riders will not voice remarks to complainants, witnesses, victims, or suspects, or behave in any manner that would tend to provoke or escalate tension.
6. No ride-along will convey the impression that they are police officers or act as a police agent in any manner while participating in this program (i.e., interviewing, physical confrontations, etc.).
7. In the event of a violent incident, observers should not leave the patrol car and should leave any confrontation to the police officer, unless instructed by the police officer.
8. Observers are not allowed to bring tape recorders or cameras in the patrol car unless approved in advance by the Chief of Police or his designee.
9. Riders must not leave the patrol car during police action (e.g. during a traffic stop, while answering a call, etc.) unless directed by the police officer.
10. Observers shall not engage in any foot pursuit or the apprehension and/or arrest of any individual.
11. Observers should follow all instructions of the police officer.
12. Observers are to be suitably dressed in a collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks and shoes. Sandals, t-shirts, tank tops, shorts and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn in the police vehicle. .
13. Observers will not use alcoholic beverages prior to or during the ride.