1. Participants must be 16 years or older.

2. Applicants are limited to one, four-hour ride-along in any 12-month period.

3. Ride-alongs cannot ride together.

4. Applicants must not have physical or mental disabilities that could be aggravated, would hinder the applicant’s ability to comprehend or follow instructions, or in an emergency would prevent the applicant from exiting the patrol vehicle and waiting in a public place, on their own or at the officer’s command, during the ride-along.

5. Participants must read and sign the waiver form prior to beginning a ride-along. Participants under the age of 18 years must have a parent or legal guardian sign the waiver form in person at the Police Department prior to the ride-along.

6. No person shall be permitted to participate in the program if he/she arrives with the odor of alcohol on his/her breath, appears intoxicated, or has taken medication that might impair judgment or ability to follow directions.

7. Participants shall dress appropriately. Casual attire is reasonable attire for riding and could consist of slacks or nice jeans and a collared T-shirt or sport shirt. Faded jeans, cut-offs, thongs and shirts with off-color prints will not be permitted.

8. Participants shall not be armed with any type of weapon (knives, guns, mace, etc.). Off-duty police officers are exempt; however, prior to riding, they must notify the watch commander that they are armed, and they must carry their department identification and badge.

9. Due to the court opinions in People v. Loomis, CR 65544 on March 28, 1984, your name may be included in official reports as required. These reports may cause you to be subpoenaed in court as a witness.

10. Participants are required to wear a seatbelt at all times while riding in the police vehicle.

11. The officer assigned may terminate the ride-along if the participant displays any unacceptable behavior or behavior that would discredit the Escondido Police Department.

12. Ride-alongs will begin and terminate at the Police Department. Ride-alongs will not be picked up or taken home by police officers during the course of the officer’s shift without the watch commander’s approval.

13. A Ride-Along applicant may have his/her ride canceled if deemed necessary by the watch commander due to unusual occurrences.

14. We are certain that some applications will be received from citizens living outside the City of Escondido. We will welcome anyone wishing to participate providing, of course, that they meet all the requirements of the regulations above. We must, however, give priority to those who live or work in Escondido, so that it may be necessary to ask your indulgence if conditions warrant it.

The final decision on a participant being allowed to ride will rest with the on-duty watch commander.
ESCONDIDO POLICE DEPARTMENT
RIDE - ALONG APPLICATION

Name: _____________________________________ / / \\
(Last) (First) (Middle) / / \\

Address:_________________________________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________________  State _________________ Zip Code:   ______________________

Home Phone: (____)______________ Cell Phone: (____)________________  Work Phone: (____)_________________

Date of Birth:_______________ CA Driver’s License: ________________ Social Security Number: _________________

Occupation:  ___________________________Representing Club/Organization: ________________________________

Emergency Contact: Name _______________________ Relationship:_______________ Phone:  (____)_____________

Have you gone on a Ride-Along with the Escondido Police Department within the last 12 months?
□ Yes  □ No  □ Not Sure

Why do you wish to ride with the Escondido Police Department?  ____________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________

Have you ever been arrested?  Yes  No  (Please circle one)  If “Yes”, please explain__________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________________

Are you currently in the process of applying with the Escondido Police Department?  □ Yes  □ No

If so, what position?  ______________________________________________________________________ _________

Do you have any disabilities?  □ Yes  □ No

Are you under the care of a physician?  □ Yes  □ No

Are you taking any medications?  □ Yes  □ No

If you answered “Yes” to any of the above, please explain:_________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________

There are four riding shifts available.  Please circle the time and day you prefer.  Every effort will be made to schedule
you on your preferred day and time.  You will be notified by phone of the date and time you are scheduled to ride.

(Please Circle One)

Monday          Tuesday          Wednesday           Thursday           Friday           Saturday           Sunday

(Please Circle One)

9:00 a.m.          11:30 a.m.           3:30 p.m.           9:30 p.m.

Note:  A Ride-Along applicant may have his/her ride canceled if deemed necessary by the watch commander due to
unusual circumstances.

Witness in Criminal Court Proceedings:  Due to the court opinions in People v. Loomis, CR  66544 on March 29,
1984, all persons riding in department vehicles will, as required, be included by name in official reports.  These reports
may cause the rider to be subpoenaed to court as a witness.

The Chief of Police will make the final decision concerning the acceptance of applications.

CRAIG CARTER
Chief of Police

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ESCONDIDO POLICE DEPARTMENT
WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES OR LOSSES

In consideration of the permission granted by the City of Escondido, California, on this day for me to accompany an officer or officers of the Escondido Police Department on routine patrol, I ________________________________ do hereby waive all claims for damage or loss to my person or property that may be caused by any act or failure to act of the City of Escondido, California, its officers, agents or employees. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions or occurrences that may be encountered during said patrol, and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions or occurrences.

I have read and understand the above waiver, as well as the Escondido Police Department Ride-Along Requirement form, and agree to the same.

(Minor children, under the age of 16 years, will not be permitted to ride along. The release form must be signed by the parent or guardian of any rider under the age of 18 years in the presence of a Police Department employee.)

________________________________________________ _______________________________________
APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE DATE

________________________________________________ _______________________________________
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18) RELATIONSHIP

________________________________________________ _______________________________________
ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER(S)

Witnessed by:

________________________________________________ _______________________________________
AN AGENT OF THE ESCONDIDO POLICE DEPARTMENT DATE

________________________________________________ _______________________________________
NAME OF PARTICIPATING OFFICER DATE

☐ Ride-Along was assigned by the Training Division and is currently in the hiring process.

________________________________________________ _______________________________________
NAME OF TRAINING DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE DATE

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

☐ Local ☐ NCIC ☐ ARJIS

Checked By: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

☐ State RAP ☐ FBI RAP

Checked By: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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