



Westminster Police Department

Ride-Along Program

Ride-Along Policy and Rules

The goal of the Westminster Police Department Ride-Along Program is to acquaint as many Westminster residents as possible with their Police Department in a continuing effort to promote community/police understanding and cooperation. In order to accomplish this goal, the following policies and rules are applied to this program.

- ◆ The attached *Ride Along Application, Authorization and Waiver* forms must be submitted at **least two weeks prior to the requested ride-along date**.
- ◆ Please submit completed Ride-Along Application to one of the following:
 - Desk Officer at the Public Safety Center, 9110 Yates Street, Westminster, CO 80031
 - Scan and email to: skaler@westminsterco.gov
- ◆ Ride-alongs are provided for **Residents, Business Owners in the City of Westminster, Citizen Academy participants and police applicants ONLY**. Exceptions can be made by a Patrol supervisor.
- ◆ The minimum age for the Ride-Along Program is **16**. A parent/guardian of minors under the age of 18 must sign the *Parental Release* form.
- ◆ All rides are scheduled for **four (4) hours** you are permitted to ride twice yearly, 6 month intervals. Officers attend roll call at the beginning of their shift, you could experience a wait of up to thirty (30) minutes prior to scheduled ride.
- ◆ Westminster Police Department can only accommodate one rider per Patrol team per week. There are 8 Patrol teams from which an applicant can request a ride along.

Ride-Along Hours:

• Shift 1, T1:	Mon-Thur	7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
• Shift 1, T2:	Thur-Sun	7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
• Shift 2, T3:	Sun-Wed	1:30 PM - 5:30 PM
• Shift 2, T3:	Sun-Wed	4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
• Shift 3, T4:	Wed-Sat	4:30 PM - 8:30PM
• Shift 4, T5:	Sat- Tues	9:30 PM - 1:30 AM
• Shift 4, T6:	Tue - Fri	9:30 PM - 1:30 AM

- ◆ Applicants may request to ride with a specific team. However, if that team has a rider assigned that week; the applicant may request the next available spot with that team or be assigned a different team to ride with. Applicants can request their first, second and third choice of times for a ride-along.
- ◆ **The Ride-Along Program is offered as a privilege. The Westminster Police Department reserves the right to refuse any application for a ride-along and a ride-along may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the Officer or Watch Commander. Weapons of any kind are not permitted during a ride-along unless authorized by Watch Commander.**

- ◆ Uniforms of any type will **NOT** be allowed, (i.e. military, Explorers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other police agencies, etc.) unless prior approval has been obtained from the Watch Commander.

Casual/comfortable business attire is appropriate dress for a ride-along. No blue jeans, tennis shoes, t-shirts with slogans/phrases, and no torn/ripped clothing.

- ◆ All audio and video devices which are used to record or livestream on any social or other media platform are prohibited. Members of the police department public information unit or those who have received permission from the Chief of Police or his/her designee may be excluded from this provision.

You are riding in the capacity of an observer and you are under complete control of the Officer at all times. Every effort is made to ensure your safety however; the Officer's first responsibility is to carry out their assigned duties. The Officer you accompany will discuss their duties as time permits. If an emergency should arise, you must, without question, comply with any orders or directions given you by the Officer. The required completion of the *Authorization and Waiver* forms provide notice of the rights and liabilities related to participation in our Ride-Along Program. Participants assume any and all risks associated with the Officer's performance of official duties as a condition of accompanying any members of the Westminster Police Department in the Ride-Along Program.

Your personal information on the Ride-Along Application is discoverable under the Colorado Open Records Act and will be released if requested in a formal records search request made by an attorney or citizen.

If you have any questions, please call: **(303) 658-4281, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Thank you for your interest in the Westminster Police Department

Please retain the Ride-Along Policy and Rules for future reference



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Please Print Legibly

Complete this application in its entirety You will receive notification by email or phone call within two weeks after submitting application			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth
			Juvenile Yes No
POLICE APPLICANT	[] Yes	[] No	
Email Address			
Address			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)
Male/Female	Driver's License Number		Driver's License State
Home/Cell Phone		SSN #	
Occupation/School Grade	Employer/School Address		
Have you ever been arrested for a felony or misdemeanor?	[] Yes	[] No	
If yes, explain when and where: _____ _____			
Why do you want to participate in the Ride-Along Program?			
List below three dates/time you want to ride, as outlined on page 1 of the Ride-Along Policy and Rules The dates you provide will be at the discretion of the Watch Commander			
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
OFFICE USE ONLY			
Records Background Check Performed By			Date
Clear NCIC	[] Yes	[] No	Clear CCIC
	[] Yes	[] No	
Criminal History	[] Yes	[] No	If Yes, attach hard copy of report
Date Scheduled	Day	Team	
Ride-Along Assigned to Officer			
Watch Commander Signature			Date
Ride-Along Denied/Reason			
Officer/Watch Commander Comments			

Officer, please return Ride-Along application to Operations Admin Assistant after ride is completed, thank you.



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**Parental Release Form
Participants between 16 - 18 years of age**

1. We are the legal guardians of, _____ *[please print legibly]*, the minor child who has applied to the City of Westminster to participate in the following activity at the Police Department.
2. We have carefully read the preceding *Release of Claims, Indemnity Agreement, and Covenant Not to Sue* (“*The Release*”) executed by him/her.
3. We believe that our child is sufficiently mature to understand the terms of the *Release*, to consent knowingly to the terms of the *Release*, and to assume knowingly the risks accompanying his/her participation in the above-mentioned activity.
4. On our own behalf, and as legal guardian of said minor child, we hereby agree as follows:
 - a. We consent to our child’s execution of the *Release* and participation in the above-described activity.
 - b. We hereby waive and release any claim against the City of Westminster, the Westminster Police Department, its Chief, employees, agents, and sureties that may arise out of any injury, damage, loss, or expense, either to our minor child, to us, or to our property, incurred while our child is participating in the above-described activity.
 - c. We agree on behalf of ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to defend and indemnify the City of Westminster, the Westminster Police Department, its Chief, employees and sureties, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, claims, demands, damages, liability or expenses of every kind and nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission by the City of Westminster, its public officials and employees and their sureties, any members of the Westminster Police Department and their sureties, my child, or from some other cause while he/she is riding in any vehicle assigned to the Westminster Police Department or accompanying any member or members of said Police Department during the performance of their official duties.

WE HEREBY REPRESENT THAT WE HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND SIGN THE SAME OF OUR FREE WILL

CAUTION: READ THE PARENTAL RELEASE, RELEASE OF CLAIMS, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Home/Cell Phone: _____



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Release of Claims, Indemnity Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue

WHEREAS, I, _____ *[please print legibly]*, not being a member of the City of Westminster, Colorado Police Department, have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to the Westminster Police Department and to accompany members of the Police Department during the performance of their official duties; and WHEREAS, the Westminster Police Department is permitting me to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to that department and to accompany members of said department during the performance of their duties,

I DO HEREBY AGREE:

1. That I am aware that the work of the Police Department is inherently dangerous, and that I may be subjected to the risk of death, personal injury, or damage to my property by accompanying members of the department during the performance of their official duties and I freely, voluntarily and with such knowledge, assume the risk or risks associated with such activities, including but not limited to: death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or in any way connected with the use of weapons, unlawful acts or forcible resistance, law violators or suspected law violators, assault, riot, breach of the peace, fire, explosives, gas, electrocution, or the escape of hazardous substances, or the sustaining of injury in any other way while accompanying members of the department during the performance of their official duties.
2. The Westminster Police Department has not induced me to participate in the Ride-Along Program and I am not relying on any representations of the department as to the safety, supervision, or support during participation in the program.
3. That I exempt and release the City of Westminster, its public officials and employees and their sureties, all members of the Westminster Police Department and their sureties, and each of them from any and all liability, claims, demands or actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss or injury to me or my property incurred while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Westminster Police Department or while accompanying members of the department during the performance of their official duties or while on the premises of the department, whether such loss, damage or injury results from the negligence of the City of Westminster, its public officials and employees and their sureties, any members of the Westminster Police Department and their sureties, and each of them, or from some other cause.
4. For myself, my heirs, personal representatives, executors, administrators and assigns to defend, indemnify and covenant not to sue the City of Westminster its public officials and employees, any members of the Westminster Police Department, their sureties and each of them, against any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debtors, claims, demands, damages, or liability or expenses of every kind and nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission by me or by them while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Westminster Police Department or while accompanying any member or members of said department during the performance of their official duties.
5. I freely, voluntarily and with the knowledge of the contents of this document and its exhibit assume the risk or risks associated with participation in the Ride Along Program, including but not limited to death, personal injury or property damage arising from or connected with participation in the program, either with or without the supervision of a member or members of the Westminster Police Department.

**I HEREBY REPRESENT THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS
OF THIS DOCUMENT AND SIGN THE SAME OF MY OWN FREE WILL**

CAUTION: READ THIS DOCUMENT IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Home/Cell Phone: _____