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Grand Island Police Department Ride Along Rules

- All applicants must legibly fill out the ride along request form in its entirety.
- All participants in the ride along program will only be allowed to ride once every six months (Interns and school Job Shadows will be exempt from this restriction).
- All participants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age to ride along. Participants less than eighteen (18) but at least fifteen (15) years of age will be allowed to ride; however will be required to have their parent or guardian sign the application and hold harmless agreement and will also need to be sponsored by an officer that can attest to their good character. No one under age fifteen (15) will be permitted to ride along without the specific permission of the Chief of Police.
- All participants must dress neatly and appropriately. Business casual or shirt with collar and jeans that are clean without holes or patches are required.
- The time, date, and duration that a participant is allowed to ride will be up to a supervisor with the Grand Island Police Department. Supervisors will have the authority to reassign or terminate a ride along agreement with just cause. In dangerous situations, the participant may be asked to remain at a safe location until the danger has subsided.
- Participants shall follow the directions of the officer. They shall not interfere with police operations, engage victims, witnesses, or suspects in conversation, use or handle police equipment or participate in texting, social media or video recording during a ride along.
- Participants are not allowed to carry firearms, knives, or other weapons during the ride along unless they are active law enforcement with proper identification or retired law enforcement with approved HR218 certification.
- Participants who refuse to provide the required information on the ride along form, refuse to sign the ride along form, or are determined to be of unsuitable character may be denied a ride along. Examples that may result in a finding of unsuitable character are:
 1. The conviction of a felony offense.
 2. Multiple misdemeanor arrests or traffic violations that demonstrate a disregard for the law.
 3. Evidence of excessive alcohol use or use of illegal substances.
 4. A pattern or history of confrontational contacts with law enforcement officers that demonstrates disrespect for the profession.

*This copy to be retained by Applicant.



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RIDE-ALONG REQUEST FORM

In an effort to aid selected citizens of the City of Grand Island to better understand the working of the city Police Department, the City hereby agrees to permit selected individuals to accompany police officers in patrol cars. Such individuals would be allowed to observe police techniques, including, but not limited to, patrolling, the making of arrests, and handling of suspects, both in the field and at the Law Enforcement Center.

Because there are inherent dangers associated with the functioning of a police officer, it becomes necessary for the City to ask that in consideration for the granting of permission to ride with a police officer, that you sign the following hold-harmless agreement as a condition precedent to allowing you to participate in this police observation program. If you are under (18) eighteen years old, your parent must also agree.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____ Text Messages: yes / no

Date and Time you request to do the ride along: _____

Why do you want to participate in the Ride Along Program: _____

The undersigned, for and in consideration of being allowed to accompany a police officer in the performance of his/her duties and to observe such police activities, does hereby agree to hold harmless the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, the Grand Island Police Department, and its officers or employees, against any action, claim, or demand by himself/herself or any injury claimed to have been caused by reason of any acts of negligence other than acts of gross or willful negligence of the City of Grand Island or the Grand Island Police Department, its officers or employees, while with the uniformed police officer.

I also hereby agree to indemnify and defend said City or Police Department, its officers and employees, legal representatives, successors or assigns, against any loss, damage, costs or other expenses its officers or employees, legal representatives, successors or assigns may suffer as a result of my accompanying an authorized police officer.

Dated _____ Signature _____

Witness _____
(Parent Signature – if Applicable)

I have read, understand, and agree to all Ride Along Rules (please X or check box).

***** Department Use Only *****

Approved for the ride-along program of the Grand Island Police on: _____

(Approving Police Supervisor)

(date and time person rode along and with which officer)