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ORLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT



JOE VLACH
Chief of Police

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS

I hereby request the Police Department of the City of Orland to allow me to accompany its personnel in the course of carrying out their duties, for such period of time as may be agreeable to me and to said Police Department. I recognize that in accompanying said personnel I may be exposed to certain risks, and that the nature of such risks can not be anticipated.

Therefore, in consideration of the granting of the above request, I do hereby:

1. Release, waive and quitclaim in favor of the City of Orland and its officials, officers, agents and employees, jointly and severally, each and every claim or cause of action which I might have, arising from or related to the granting of said request or from my accompanying any member or members of said Police Department in the course of carrying out their duties. Without limiting the general nature of the foregoing sentence, their release, waiver and quitclaim shall extend to injuries to my person or damage to my property while in, upon or control of said Police Department personnel, and shall extend to any such injury or damage which occurs when said personnel attempts to take custody of any third person, or of the property of a third person.
2. Warrant and agree to hold harmless the said City of Orland, its officials, officers, agents, and employees, jointly and severally, from each and every claim or cause of action which may be asserted by my heirs, executors, administrators or other successors in interest, by reason of or arising in my death which may occur if said request is granted. This agreement shall be binding upon my said heirs, executors, administrators or other successors in interest.

DATED _____

Parent/Guardian _____

(If observer is under 18)

(Print Name)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Signature)

CA D/L #: _____

Assigned Officer _____

DOB: _____

Phone #: _____

Date/Shift _____

Approved By _____

Requested Dates and Times:

(Dates must be at least 1 week after the date of application)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

	YES	NO
CLETS Criminal History Checked		
Qualified to participate		

ORLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT RIDE-ALONG POLICY

410.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Ride-Along Program provides an opportunity for citizens to experience the law enforcement function first hand. This policy provides the requirements, approval process, and hours of operation for the Ride-Along Program.

410.1.1 ELIGIBILITY

The Orland PD Ride-Along Program is offered to residents, students and those employed within the City. Every attempt will be made to accommodate interested persons however any applicant may be disqualified without cause.

The following factors may be considered in disqualifying an applicant and are not limited to:

- Being under 15 years of age
- Prior criminal history
- Pending criminal action
- Pending lawsuit against the Department
- Denial by any supervisor

410.1.2 AVAILABILITY

The Ride-Along Program is available on most days of the week, with certain exceptions. The ride-along times are from 1000 hrs to 2300 hrs. Exceptions to this schedule may be made as approved by the Chief of Police or Sergeant.

410.2 PROCEDURE TO REQUEST A RIDEALONG

Generally, ride-along requests will be scheduled by the Sergeant. The participant will complete a ride-along waiver form. Information requested will include a valid ID or California driver's license, address, and telephone number. If the participant is under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian must be present to complete the Ride-Along Form.

The Sergeant will schedule a date, based on availability, at least one week after the date of application. If approved, a copy will be forwarded to the respective Shift Sergeant as soon as possible for his/her scheduling considerations.

If the ride-along is denied after the request has been made, a representative of the Department will contact the applicant and advise him/her of the denial.

410.2.1 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Once approved, civilian ride-alongs will be allowed to ride no more than once every six months. An exception would apply to the following: Cadets, Explorers, RSVP, Chaplains, Reserves, police applicants, and all others with approval of the Shift Sergeant.

An effort will be made to ensure that no more than one citizen will participate in a ride-along during any given time period. Normally, no more than one ride-along will be allowed in the officer's vehicle at a given time.

Ride-along requirements for police cadets are covered in Policy Manual § 1048, "Police Cadet Program."

410.2.2 SUITABLE ATTIRE

Any person approved to ride along is required to be suitably dressed in 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. The Shift Sergeant or field supervisor may refuse a ride along to anyone not properly dressed.

410.2.4 RIDEALONG CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK

All Ride-along applicants are subject to a criminal history check. The criminal history check may include a local records check and a Department of Justice Automated Criminal History System check through CLETS prior to their approval as a ride-along with a law enforcement officer (provided that the ride-along is not an employee of the Orland PD) (CLETS Policies, Practices and Procedures Manual § 1.6.1.D.3.).

410.4 CONTROL OF RIDE-ALONG

The assigned officer shall maintain control over the ride-along at all times and instruct him/her in the conditions that necessarily limit their participation. These instructions should include:

- (a) The ride-along will follow the directions of the officer
- (b) The ride-along will not become involved in any investigation, handling of evidence, discussions with victims or suspects, or handling any police equipment
- (c) The ride-along may terminate the ride at any time and the officer may return the observer to their home or to the station if the ride-along interferes with the performance of the officer's duties
- (d) Ride-alongs may be allowed to continue riding during the transportation and booking process provided this does not jeopardize their safety
- (e) Officers will not allow any ride-alongs to be present in any residences or situations that would jeopardize their safety or cause undue stress or embarrassment to a victim or any other citizen
- (f) Under no circumstance shall a civilian ride along be permitted to enter a private residence with an officer without the expressed consent of the resident or other authorized person
- (g) Under no circumstance shall a civilian ride along be permitted to photograph or record the assigned officer without prior notification to the officer.