



Bayfield Police Department

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Ride Along Policies and Rules

Retain this page for your future reference.

The goal of the Bayfield Police Department ride along program is to acquaint citizens with the department while providing quality service to the community. In order to accomplish this goal we must apply the following policies and rules to the program.

The attached authorization and waiver forms must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the request ride along date. If you have any questions please feel free to call our front office at (970) 884-9636, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. A parent or guardian of minors under the age of 18 must sign the parental consent form. All rides are scheduled for the entire shift.

Riders will only be scheduled Monday through Sunday and only one rider will be scheduled per shift. Due to the fact we receive many applications for ride alongs, it is our policy that a citizen may only ride once per year. This provides everyone who desires to ride the opportunity to participate in the program.

The ride along program is offered as a “privilege”. The Bayfield Police Department reserves the right to refuse an application for a ride along. A ride along may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the officer.

Tape recorders and cameras shall not be allowed unless previously approved by the Bayfield Marshal’s Office.

YOU ARE RIDING IN THE CAPACITY OF AN OBSERVER. YOU ARE UNDER COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE OFFICER AT ALL TIMES. WHILE EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INSURE YOUR SAFETY, THE OFFICER’S FIRST RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TO CARRY OUT HIS ASSIGNED DUTIES. THE OFFICER YOU WILL ACCOMPANY WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS HIS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS TIME PERMITS. IF, HOWEVER SOME EMERGENXY SHOULD ARISE, YOU MUST, WITHOUT QUESTION, COMPLY WITH ANY ORDERS OR DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO YOU BY THE OFFICER!



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Release of Claims, Indemnity Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue

WHEREAS, I, _____, not being a member of the Bayfield Police Department, have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to the Bayfield Police Department and to accompany members of the police department during the performance of their official duties, and

WHEREAS, the Bayfield Police Department is willing to allow 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 have read and understand the ride along policies and rules page.
2. 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.
3. That I exempt and release the Bayfield Marshal's Office, its public officials and employees and their sureties, all members of the Bayfield Marshal's Office and sureties, and each of them from any and all arising out of any damage, loss or injury to me or my property incurred while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Bayfield Marshal's Office or while accompanying members of the Department during the performance of their duties or while on the premises of the Department, whether such loss, damage or injury results from the negligences of the Bayfield Marshal's Office, its public officials and employees 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 Bayfield Police Department, it's public officials and employees, any members of the Bayfield Police Department, their sureties and each of them, against any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suites, debts, 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 Bayfield Police Department or while accompanying any member or members of said Department during the performance of their official duties.

I HEREBY, represent that I have carefully read and understood the contents of this document and signed the same of my own free will.

CAUTION: PLEASE READ ALL DOCUMENTS IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Reason for requesting a ride along?

The police officer will call you if your ride along has been approved or denied.



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Ride Along Parental Consent

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS CONSENT:

I/We, the undersigned represent that I/We are the legally appointed or natural guardian/guardians of the person listed below, who is under the age of 18 years; that he/she has signed the within and foregoing document with our full knowledge and consent; and that I/We join in the execution of the same and agree to the terms thereof and do hereby bind myself/ourselves and independently agree to the same terms and provisions for myself/ourselves and my/our heirs, executors, personal representatives, and assigns.

Printed Name _____ Relationship _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Printed Name _____ Relationship _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

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