

RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION

(Type or print clearly)

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ / _____
Work Home

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ DRIVER'S LIC. #: _____

REPRESENTING CLUB OR ORGANIZATION: _____

INDICATE DATE & TIME FOR RIDE-ALONG: 1st: _____

2nd: _____

ZONE PREFERENCE: _____

REASON FOR RIDE-ALONG REQUEST: _____

Departmental Use Only

(Initial) WRNTCHK: _____ D-FILE: _____

RECORDS CHK: _____ DDL CHK: _____ RAP SHEET: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____ WATCH COMMANDER APPROVAL: _____

RIDE-ALONG APPROVAL FOR FOLLOWING DATE: _____

Reason for Non-Approval

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

**RIDE-ALONG
PROGRAM**

Information and Application Form



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The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office appreciates your interest in the Ride-Along Program. We believe that such participation provides citizens with a better understanding of the Sheriff's Office and improves communication between sheriff deputies and the communities they serve, thereby enhancing public safety.

This experience will give you the opportunity to observe first-hand your Sheriff's Office at work. Your presence at the scene of a law enforcement incident will permit you to hear and see exactly how such situations are handled. The personal exposure to the experiences encountered daily by sheriff deputies will allow you to better understand the nature of law enforcement in our community and evaluate the quality of your Sheriff's Office personnel.

We hope that your Ride-Along experience will reinforce your confidence in the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and the many ways the Office helps citizens of our communities. We also hope you will share any new information and ideas gained through this experience with your friends and neighbors.

Persons applying to participate in the Ride-Along Program must obtain the approval of the Sheriff Office's watch commander or shift supervisor, and may participate in the program only two times during the calendar year. Ride-Alongs usually last 4 to 5 hours.

The Sheriff Office has the discretionary authority to deny Ride-Along participation at any time during or prior to the Ride-Along's participation if he/she feels the presence of the Ride-Along interferes with safety or the efficiency of any operation. Ride-Along applicants will also be required to sign a Waiver, Release and Indemnification Agreement to participate in the Program.

Sonoma County Sheriff Office's Ride-Along Program

Waiver, Release, and Indemnification Agreement

The Sonoma County Sheriff Office's Ride-Along Program permits persons to accompany working peace officers in their daily activities, which could include emergency responses to high-risk law enforcement or dangerous situations. The undersigned Participant recognizes that participating in the Ride-Along Program involves inherent risks, including the risks of grave bodily injury or death, and by participating in the Program, Participant agrees to assume such risks.

On behalf of the undersigned Participant (and his/her successors, heirs and assigns), Participant also agrees to waive, release and discharge the County of Sonoma (as an entity and including its officers, agents, employees, and representatives) from and against all claims, liabilities, injuries, actions, damages, and costs resulting from, arising out of, or incurred in connection with Participant's participation in the Sonoma County Sheriff Office's Ride-Along Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Released Claims"). Further, if a claim, action or proceeding is brought on the Released Claims, Participant agrees to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the County of Sonoma (as an entity and including its officers, agents, employees, and representatives) from and against all damages, costs and expenses resulting therefrom.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT, AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ITS TERMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM.

PARTICIPANT (Print Name): _____

PARTICIPANT (Signature): _____

DATE: _____

*(Return one copy to Participant, retain one copy,
and transmit original to Risk Management)*

Please complete the information section of this form.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SHIFT TIMES

Ride-Along guests will be scheduled on one of the following shifts:

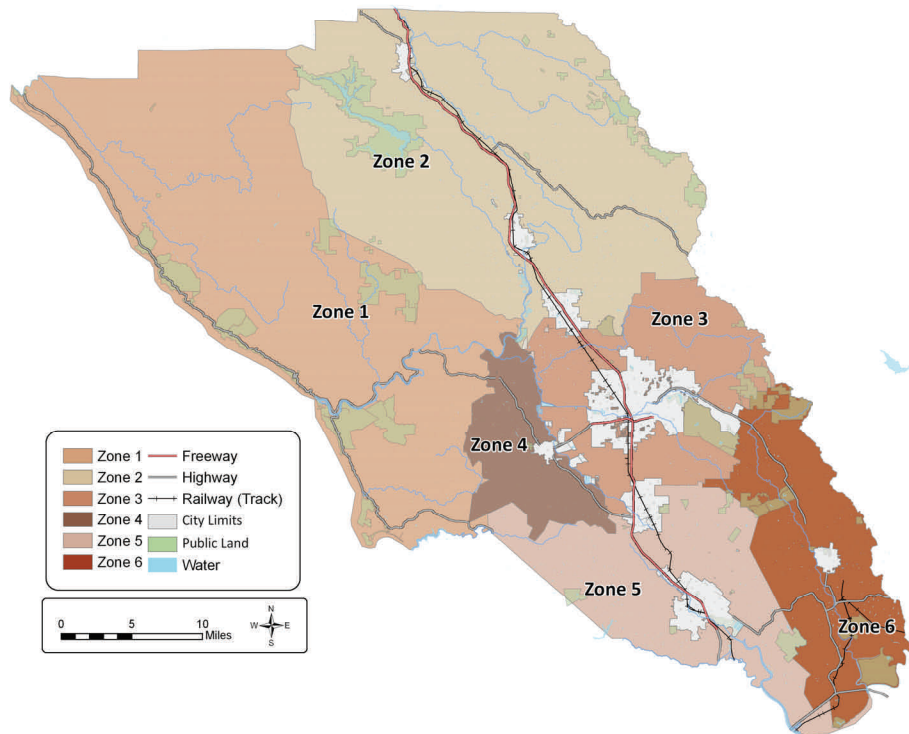
DAY SHIFT: 7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

SWING SHIFT: 4:30 P.M. – 2:30 A.M.

GRAVEYARD SHIFT: 9:00 P.M. – 7:00 A.M.

SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ZONE MAP



RIDE-ALONG RULES

While participating in the Ride-Along Program, you will be under the direction and control of the assigned deputy sheriff, and will comply with directions or commands given by the deputy to protect your safety or as otherwise necessary to perform the deputy's law enforcement duties. The assigned deputy may terminate your ride at any time if the deputy believes your presence may impact your safety or others, or may interfere with the proper performance of law enforcement duties.

You shall not interfere verbally or physically at any time while a deputy is performing law enforcement functions. You are encouraged to ask questions regarding law enforcement procedures and activities, but must ask such questions at appropriate times so as not to interfere with the deputy's duties.

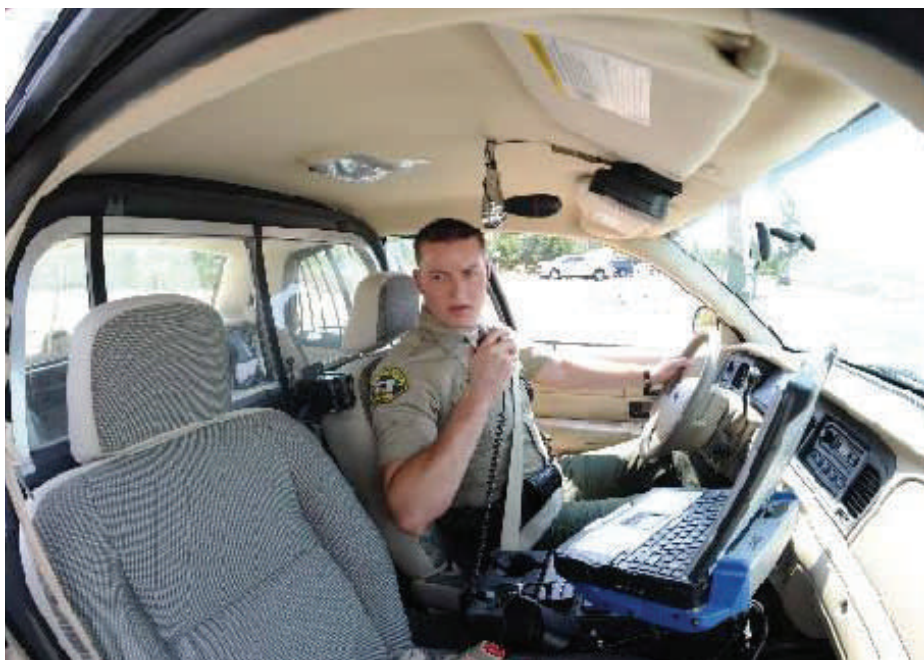
In addition, you are required to comply with the following basic rules:

- You will not be allowed to participate in the program if you have consumed any alcoholic beverage or drug, or while under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug.
- You shall not carry any object(s) that might be considered a weapon.
- You are expected to be clean and dressed appropriately to accompany a sheriff's deputy; shorts, mini-skirts, tank tops, halter tops, or similar attire will not be permitted.
- You will remain in the patrol car at the scene of law enforcement activities unless otherwise instructed or permitted by the deputy sheriff.
- You are not permitted to enter private property without the permission of the property owner or person who is in control of the property; the deputy sheriff may seek such consent.
- You shall not engage in any conversation with prisoners, suspects, witnesses or any other parties contacted by the deputy sheriff.

RIDE-ALONG RULES

(Continued)

- You will not be permitted to have tape recorders or cameras with you, due to constitutional "Right of Privacy" considerations.
- You will be required to keep all names and personal or confidential information you learn during the ride along confidential if such information could in any way jeopardize a citizen's reputation or community standing, or if releasing such information could affect public safety or the successful investigation or prosecution of any crime.



GENERAL INFORMATION

BEAT AREAS

ZONE ONE: The West Sonoma County and River area is staffed from the Guerneville Substation and covers the Sonoma Coast and Guerneville.

ZONE TWO: The North Sonoma County area is staffed from the Main Office and includes the unincorporated areas surrounding Healdsburg, Cloverdale, and Windsor.

ZONE THREE: The Santa Rosa area is staffed from the Main Office and covers the unincorporated areas from Shiloh in the north and Rohnert Park to the south.

ZONE FOUR: The West Sonoma County area is staffed from the Main Office and includes the unincorporated areas surrounding Sebastopol, Graton, and Forestville.

ZONE FIVE: The South Sonoma County area is staffed from the Main Office and includes the unincorporated areas surrounding Petaluma, Rohnert Park, and Cotati.

ZONE SIX: The Sonoma County Valley area is staffed from the Sonoma Valley Substation and includes the unincorporated areas surrounding the cities of Sonoma, Glen Ellen, Kenwood, Boyes Hot Springs, and Schellville.

Law Enforcement Contract Cities:

WINDSOR POLICE DEPARTMENT: The WPD provides service to the incorporated Town of Windsor.

SONOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT: The SPD provides service to the incorporated City of Sonoma.

If you have a zone preference for your ride-along, please indicate it on your application.