

# Medina Police Department

Subject: <b>Ride – Along</b>		Policy Number: <b>3010</b>	<b>Ride - Along 3010</b>
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Personnel: <b>Sworn and Non-Sworn Personnel</b>			
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## **3010.1 – PURPOSE**

The Medina Police Department recognizes the need to maintain a ride-along program for educational purposes. This is to allow the general public the opportunity to better understand the duties and responsibilities of the Medina Police Department.

## **3010.2 - DISCUSSION**

The Medina Police Department allows ride-alongs with the understanding that safety is of utmost importance. It must be understood that police work comes with an inherent risk of danger. The ride along accepts this when they sign the waiver of liability to participate in this program.

## **3010.3 - POLICY**

Rules:

1. Participants will be allowed to ride along no more than four times in a calendar year.
2. Participants requesting to ride along more than twice a year will be required to ride with a different officer.
3. Participants will remain in the squad unless directed differently by the officer.
4. Any information seen or heard of a confidential nature must remain confidential.
5. There will be no recording or photo equipment allowed on the ride-along. **This includes cell phones.**
6. Officer may discontinue the ride-along if the rider's actions put the officer in danger or does not follow the officer's directions.

## **3010.4 - APPLICATION**

All ride-along participants must make their request to participate in the program prior to the ride-along. At the time of application, all ride-along participants must fill out a release and waive of liability form prior to participation.

Because of the added liability with applicants under the age of 18 access will be granted only for educational purposes. The minor must have a parent or legal guardian sign the release and waiver of liability. They will also need a signed request from a schoolteacher that the ride along is for a school project. (Exception: Children of Medina Police Department employees. Each situation will be at the discretion of the Chief of Police.)

Approval - The Chief of Police will review the request and assign the rider as the schedule permits.

Exclusions - This policy does not limit the number of times or amount of hours an intern; reserve officers, community services officers, employees, or other city officials may ride.

**Authority - Chief of Police may waive conditions, place restrictions, refuse permission, cancel privileges, or discontinue the program at any time.**

# **NO CELLPHONES ALLOWED DURING RIDE-ALONG**

## **MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT RIDE ALONG PROGRAM RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

1. I wish to ride as a passenger in the Police Department vehicles of the City of Medina, Minnesota and to accompany the City's police officers while engaged in the performance of their duties, to study and observe for my own benefit the functions and operations of the Medina Police Department and its personnel.
2. I understand that:
  - a. Participation in this activity is completely voluntary.
  - b. This activity is being offered for the benefit of the participants.
  - c. Participation in this activity is at the sole risk of the participants.
  - d. There is inherent danger to my person and property that results from my participation in this activity, and neither the City of Medina nor the Medina Police Department have made any representations about the safety of participation in this activity.
3. I will not hold the City of Medina, the Medina Police Department, or their agents, officers, or employees, liable for any claims, injuries, or damages of any nature I suffer as the result of my participation in this activity, regardless of the cause of those claims, injuries, or damages. I expressly release and discharge the City of Medina, the Medina Police Department, and their agents, officers, and employees, from liability for any such claims, injuries, or damages.
4. I will not disclose to any individual or organization information of any nature that I obtain through my participation in this activity, unless I have received written authorization to do so from the City of Medina or the Medina Police Department.
5. I will indemnify and hold harmless the City of Medina, the Medina Police Department, and their agents, officers, and employees, for any claims, injuries, damages, and costs and expenses of any nature caused by my unauthorized disclosure of information that I have obtained through my participation in this activity.
6. If I am signing this Release and Waiver on behalf of my minor child or ward, I understand and agree that this Release and Waiver releases and discharges the City of Medina, the Medina Police Department, and their agents, officers, and employees, from any claims, injuries, or damages that might be suffered by my child or ward. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Medina and the Medina Police Department, and their agents, officers, and employees, for any expenses and liability they may incur as the result of the participation of my child or ward in this activity.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First-Middle-Last Name)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the foregoing information that I have provided is true and correct:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE BELOW:**

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby state that I have read this agreement and explained its terms to my child. I hereby accept this agreement on behalf of my child and on my own behalf.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Officer Assigned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date/Time of Ride Along:** \_\_\_\_\_