



**CITY OF PACIFICA**  
**Pacifica Police Department**

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Scenic Pacifica  
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**RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

The Ride-Along Program affords the observer an opportunity to tour the police facility and to ride in a patrol car with an on-duty officer patrolling a given area of the City. Below is a Responsibility Waiver Form and a list of the rules pertinent to the Ride-Along Observer. The rules are designed to protect the observer.

Ride-Alongs are conducted seven days per week, anytime for adults, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. for youth at least age 14 but under age 18, and may be for a duration of up to six hours. In the case of persons under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian may set an earlier time for the ride-along to be completed. However, the observer may be dropped off at the station at any time upon request.

If the participant is under 18 years of age, the signature of a parent or guardian is required and constitutes permission for the minor to participate in the ride-along program.

If you have any questions about the program, please call the Police Department at 738-7314 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

First choice for ride-along:                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice for ride-along:                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME parent or guardian wishes ride-along to be completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ride scheduled for:                                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OR INJURY OR DAMAGE**  
**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

WHEREAS, the undersigned being age 14 or older and not being a member, employee, or agent of any law enforcement department, is making a voluntary written request for permission to ride as a guest or observer in a law enforcement department vehicle at a time when such vehicle is operated and manned by members of said law enforcement department, and is further requesting permission to accompany members of said law enforcement department during the active performance of their official duties as police officers;

WHEREAS the undersigned acknowledges that the work and activities of said law enforcement department are inherently dangerous, involving possible risk of injury, damage, expense, or loss to person and property;

NOW, THEREFORE be it understood that the undersigned (and his/her parent/guardian if under age 18) hereby agrees that the City, the law enforcement department, any member of a law enforcement department, the driver or owner of any automobile owned or operated by, or in the service of the City, their sureties, and each of them shall not be held liable or responsible under any circumstances whatsoever by the undersigned, his estate or heirs for any injury, damage, expenses or loss to the person or property of the undersigned, incurred while riding as a guest or observer in any law enforcement department vehicle or while accompanying a member of said department during the active performance of his official duties as a peace officer.

## RIDE-ALONG RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Ride-Along Program is being offered to you through the cooperation of the Pacifica City Council and the Police Department. As a Ride-Along participant, you are expected to strictly adhere to the following instructions in order to safeguard yourself and to minimize the possibility of interference with normal department activities.

1. All observers shall execute a signed waiver of liability. Persons under 18 years of age shall sign the waiver themselves, along with one parent or guardian. This form and waiver must be signed and submitted prior to or at the time of the ride-along.
2. Participants who wish to ride-along a second time shall wait six months between rides before signing up for the program again.
3. Observers are expected to report at the police station at the scheduled time and will be returned to the station at the conclusion of the ride-along. Exceptions will be made if the observer desires to be returned to the station prior to the end of the shift. If you are unable to meet your scheduled time, please notify the watch commander at the Police Department business number, 738-7314.
4. Observers should wear suitable casual clothing. Persons not appropriately dressed may be refused.
5. Observers may not take cameras or tape recorders on the ride-along without prior permission of the Police Department.
6. It is desirable to ask questions regarding procedures and activities; however, it must be done at the appropriate time. Observers shall not interfere with the officer's activities at any time.
7. Observers shall not converse with prisoners, suspects, witnesses or other parties contacted on police business.
8. Observers shall not leave the patrol unit at any time without the permission of the officer.
9. Observers shall not participate in any police activity unless specifically directed to by the officer.
10. Remember: **You are riding in the capacity of an observer only and are under the complete control of the officer at all times.**

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND INSTRUCTIONS.

Observer's Name [PRINT]	Signature of Parent/Guardian (for all persons under 18 yrs. of age)
Signature of Observer	Address
Address	Telephone
Telephone	Name of Officer Assigned [PRINT]
CDL#	Date of Birth

RIDE-ALONG COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Date]

RIDE-ALONG NOT COMPLETED:

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

(Forward copy to Communications)

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