

CHANDLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citizen Observer Waiver of Liability

Note: You MUST reside, work, or go to school in Chandler to be eligible. Ride-alongs are for 5 hours.

Fill out this form completely (front and back). Witness signature required. Form will be returned or rejected if signatures are not present. Due to the confidential nature of some shift briefings, you may be asked to wait in the lobby. Due to priority calls for service, the officer may be delayed. Request the assistance of a patrol sergeant if the delay exceeds one hour. Immediate family i.e., spouse and dependent children compete fields marked with an asterisk only.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX ONLY:

PATROL (with officer)

DISPATCH

PARK RANGER

*First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ *Last Name: _____

*DOB: ____/____/____ Eye Color: _____ Race: _____ Hair Color: _____ Sex: _____

Weight: _____ Height: _____ SSN: ____-____-____ DL# _____ State: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer/School: _____ Occupation: _____

Email Address _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No If so, please explain: _____

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE, AND TO INDEMNIFY THE CITY OF CHANDLER

As a citizen observer with the Chandler Police Department, I understand that I am being allowed to participate solely for my own benefit and at the discretion of the Chandler Police Department. Participation in the citizen observer program begins when I arrive at the assigned location and concludes when I have left the ending location. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in the citizen observer program, I hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Assumption of Risk. I understand that as a citizen observer, I will be observing police actions in real time. I understand that police-related work is inherently dangerous and that I may be exposed to the same type and degree of risk faced by law enforcement officers or civilian police employees in the course of their duties.

Due to the nature and setting of police related work:

- I may be exposed to conditions or situations that I find offensive to the senses or emotionally disturbing, including foul language, unpleasant odors, unsightly conditions, gruesome injuries, dead bodies, and physical confrontations involving police and members of the public, including physical fights involving hands, fists, batons, chemical agents, and weapons including conductive electrical weapons ("Taser"), knives and firearms where persons may be severely injured or even killed.

- I may be exposed to certain unavoidable risks and personal dangers that result in my suffering SERIOUS INJURY, AND IN SOME CASES DEATH, or property damage or loss, as a direct, indirect, negligent, or reckless actions of police officers, police employees or third parties. These risks and dangers to my person or property may arise from the risks of assaults or other criminal activities, the use or operation by police or third parties of motor vehicles, weapons including but not limited to firearms and knives, chemical agents, batons, conductive electrical weapons ("Taser"), dog bites, and exposure to blood or other bodily fluids, communicable diseases and sickness, or harmful substances, or other police or law enforcement equipment.

- Even if I abide by all rules and instructions given to me by the police department or police employee, I may still be exposed to the risks and dangers listed above.

Knowing these risks, I fully understand and assume any and all negligent, grossly negligent, or reckless dangers and risks to my safety and property and agree to abide by all rules, instructions, policies and procedures imposed by the City of Chandler Police Department relating to the conduct of civilian observers.

2. Waiver of Liability/Hold Harmless Agreement. As a participant in the citizen observer program with the City of Chandler Police Department, I hereby agree to waive any and all liability that may be attributable to the City of Chandler, its elected officials, employees and agents, and to hold said persons or entities harmless against any and all actions, proceedings,

alternative dispute resolution procedures, demands, claims, and causes of action, liabilities and other means of recovery of whatever nature, for injuries or damages to my person (including without limitation death, dismemberment, partial or permanent disfigurement or disability, or emotional distress), or to my property or business, including without limitation all forms of monetary recovery, whether for general, special, compensatory, or punitive damages, loss of earnings, loss of earning capacity, loss of profits or other damages of whatever nature), suffered during or resulting from or in any way related to my participation in this citizen observer program, whether caused by the negligence or grossly negligent conduct of City employees, police officers or employees or third parties. I further agree to apply this waiver of liability and hold harmless agreement to any right of action that might accrue to myself, my heirs, and my personal representatives.

3. Indemnification. I agree to indemnify, defend (with legal counsel selected by City) and hold the City of Chandler, its officials, employees and agents, harmless from and against any actions (whether legal, equitable or declaratory in nature), proceedings (whether in courts or administrative bodies), alternative dispute resolution procedures (whether arbitration, mediation, or otherwise) demands, claims and causes of action of whatever nature, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, orders, decrees, liens and other encumbrances, liabilities, injuries to person (including without limitation, death, dismemberment, and emotional distress), damages (whether to person, property, or business, including without limitation, all forms of monetary recovery, whether for general, special, compensatory, or punitive damages, loss or earnings, loss of earning capacity, loss of profits or other damages of whatever nature), arising from or in any way related directly or indirectly to my own actions or inactions while participating in the citizen observer program.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT, I UNDERSTAND IT IS A PROMISE NOT TO SUE, AN ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, A RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND AN AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY THE CITY FOR ALL CLAIMS AND OTHER MATTERS AS FURTHER SPECIFIED ABOVE RESULTING FROM MY OWN ACTIONS OR INACTIONS, AND I AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH HEREIN.

*Date: _____

*Signature: _____
(Must be signed in CPD employee's presence)

*CPD Witness Signature: _____

UNDERAGE (Police Explorer) APPLICANTS: I, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the minor signing above, do hereby consent to the above waiver and agree to the terms stated above.

*Date: _____

*Signature: _____
(Must be signed in CPD employee's presence)

*CPD Witness Signature: _____

***** POLICE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY*****

Record Checked by: _____ 10-29 _____ 3x5 _____ Previously Rode: Y / N Date: _____

Record Indexed by: _____ Command approval (if warranted): _____ Approved / Disapproved _____

Scheduled Date/Time/Sergeant: _____

Observed with: _____ Officer / Employee Comments: _____

CPD EMPLOYEE APPROVAL ONLY: Supervisor's Signature and Employee Number: _____

*SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN COMPLETE NAME, DOB AND SIGN WAIVER

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO FIELD OPS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AT MAIN

**ALLOW TWO WEEKS FOR COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND CHECK
FOR RIDE-ALONG REQUEST**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CIVILIAN OBSERVERS

1. Observers are under the command of the officer/dispatcher at all times.
2. Observers will not leave the patrol car at the scene of any police activity unless permitted by the officer.
3. Observers will not participate in any police/dispatcher activity unless directly requested by the officer/dispatcher.
4. Observers will not speak to prisoners, suspects, witnesses, or any other parties contacted unless requested by the officer/dispatcher.
5. Observers will not interfere with officer/dispatcher activities at any time. Questions may be asked at appropriate times.
6. Observers will arrive at the police department lobby 10 minutes prior to the starting time.
7. Appropriate clothing must be worn: long pants, shirts free of logos/writing with short or long sleeves and closed toe shoes.

Citizen observers who arrive whose appearance does not meet standards will be subject to cancellation.

8. No tape recorders, cameras, or weapons allowed.
9. If you are unable to keep your appointment, notify a patrol sergeant as soon as possible by calling 480-782-4200.
10. All observers MUST sign a waiver of liability – no exceptions.
11. Bring your own money for meal breaks.
12. You will be contacted to schedule your observation after a background check has been completed and you are approved (approx. two weeks). Citizen Observers are limited to one ride-along/observation per year.

I have read and understand the foregoing instructions.

Signature of Observer

Observer Comments
To Be Completed after the Ride-along / Observation

Please give us your feedback. We hope that your experience has been informative, enlightening and has given you a better perspective of law enforcement. Include what impressed you the most or any suggestions for improvement. Thanks!
