

**MELBOURNE POLICE
DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY

**County of Brevard
State of Florida**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

In return for permission from the City of Melbourne and the Melbourne Police Department to participate in training, orientation or guided tours under the supervision of agents, servants or employees of the Melbourne Police Department, the undersigned on behalf of himself/herself, all heirs, executors or administrators, hereby holds harmless, discharges and releases the City of Melbourne and its Police Department, its agents, servants, employees, elected officials, successors, administrators and all other persons, firms, corporations and associations affiliated with the City of Melbourne, including the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust and its agents, servants, successors, heirs, executors and administrators, of and from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, personal injuries, bodily injuries, demands, rights, property loss, property damage, out-of-pocket costs, loss of service, expenses and compensation whatsoever, including attorney’s fees, whether arising from the negligence of the City of Melbourne or the Melbourne Police Department, or the negligence of the undersigned, which the undersigned has incurred or which may hereafter be incurred or accrue on account of, or in any way growing out of, the undersigned’s participation in said training, orientation or guided tours.

The undersigned agrees to act only as an observer and to take no active part in any police action other than that which is required by state law.

The undersigned understands and agrees that participation in the above-described activity involves observation of law enforcement actions and activities that may be dangerous or hazardous and that the undersigned assumes all risks in connection therewith.

The undersigned further declares and represents that no promise, inducement, or agreement not herein expressed has been made to the undersigned, and that this Release is contractual and not a mere recital.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE FOREGOING GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS IT.

_____ Signature of Observer	_____ Date of Signature	_____ Date(s) of tour/training
_____ Witness	_____ Date	

The execution of this General Release of Liability is required for every training session, orientation, “Ride-Along” or guided tour, or approved continuous “service” or “blocks” of the aforementioned.

MPD RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION

By completion and signature of this application, the applicant agrees to follow the rules and regulations as described in the application.

Please complete the following: (Print clearly)

NAME: _____ RACE: _____ SEX: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Driver License#/state: _____ Email (required): _____

Preferred ride-along day of the week: _____

Preferred ride-along time (check one): A.M. P.M.

Briefly, explain why you wish to participate in the Ride-Along program:

----- **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY- DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE** -----

BACKGROUND CHECK

FCIC/NCIC (wants/warrants): _____ CCH (crim. history): _____

FINDER (RMS/CALIBER): _____

DL STATUS: _____ BECA: _____

Notes: _____

(Signature, ID, and date completed)

ADMINISTRATION

Approved Denied

If denied, brief explanation: _____

Commander Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

MPD RIDE-ALONG RULES AND REGULATIONS

I, _____ agree to the following stipulations:
(Print First and Last Name)

(Please initial after each statement):

- A. No person under the age of eighteen (18) is permitted to ride-along _____
- B. Participant must sign a waiver of liability prior to participation _____
- C. Participant must be a resident, business owner, or student currently attending class in the City of Melbourne, or employed with the City of Melbourne, however, exceptions will be made by the Chief, or designee _____
- D. Participant must pass a level 1 background check _____
- E. Participant has not been convicted of a felony or violent misdemeanor, has no criminal charges pending, has no lawsuit against the City pending, and has not committed any violation involving moral turpitude as defined by the CJSTC _____
- F. Participant must complete CJIS Level 2 Security Awareness Training _____
- G. Participant must have a valid photo ID or driver's license with them when reporting for their scheduled ride-along _____
- H. Participant must be dressed in clothing appropriate for contact with the public (e.g., a collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks and shoes). Sandals, t-shirts, tank tops, shorts, and ripped or torn pants are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn. Poor hygiene and heavy cologne or perfume is not permitted. No police attire, including external ballistic vests or vest carriers, will be worn. A supervisor may refuse a ride-along to anyone who is not dressed appropriately. _____
- I. Participant must not carry firearms or other weapons unless approved by the Chief of Police, regardless of weapons permit possession or sworn officer status _____
- J. Participant may only carry a small bag or purse during their ride along, which is subject to search by any officer _____
- K. Participant shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned officer and must comply with the directions of the officer during the ride-along, and any officer during an emergency _____
- L. Participant may be subpoenaed to court to testify as a witness in regards to their observations during particular incidents _____

I have read the rules applicable to the ride-along program and agree to comply.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT / DATE

Dear Participant:

The Melbourne Police Department hopes that your ride-along experience has been informative, enlightening and has given you an insight into the problems confronting law enforcement, your police officers, and your community. Any comments you may have, positive or negative, will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

David Gillespie
Chief of Police

PARTICIPANT RIDE-ALONG COMMENTS

What did you like most about your ride along?

In what way did this experience impact your perspective toward law enforcement?

Based on your experience today, do you have any suggested improvements for the ride-along?

Would you recommend others to participate in the ride along program?

Print Name of Participant _____ Signature _____

The Melbourne Police Department thanks you for your participation in this program, and for your responses to our questions. They are asked in an attempt to upgrade the ride-along program for future participants.