



Appendix A
Watertown Police Department
Ride Along Application

Complete this application in its entirety. Print or write legibly. You will receive notification of your scheduled date and time.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Place of Employment or School _____

Why do you want to ride? _____

Have you been on a previous ride along? No Yes If yes – Please provide Dates and Times

What Date and Time are you available to ride? _____

Signature _____

POLICE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Date and Time Scheduled to Ride: _____

Watch or Officer Assigned to: _____

Ride Along is: Approved Denied (List Reason)

Operations Bureau Captain Signature _____

Critique or Reason why Applicant's ride along was revoked _____



Appendix B
Watertown Police Department
Ride Along Rules and Regulations

The Watertown Police Department encourages citizens within the community to participate in the Ride Along Program. In order to facilitate this program, detailed rules and regulations have been established. Your signature acknowledges the fact that you have read and understand all of the rules and regulations listed below.

1. In order to participate in the Ride Along program, an applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and successfully pass a background check that is conducted by the Watertown Police Department.
2. An applicant can request the day and time that he or she would prefer to ride. Applicants are limited to riding one time within a six month period. Generally speaking, applicants are restricted to a four (4) hour riding block.
3. The attached Application and Waiver/Release forms must be completed, signed and returned to the Watertown Police Department at least seven days prior to the actual date of the ride. The Operations Bureau Captain can waive the seven day restriction if a current background check is on file or the Operations Bureau Captain personally knows the applicant.
4. Casual dress clothing is appropriate. Faded, worn, white/acid washed, torn, patched, or mended clothing **is prohibited**. Off the shoulder tops, bare midriff tops, low-cut blouses/dresses, mini skirts/mini shorts, tank tops, flip flops, and heels over four (4) inches **is also prohibited**. The Watch Sergeant or Officer in Charge (OIC) has the authority to revoke the approved applicant's application because of inappropriate dress.
5. Applicants are prohibited from carrying **any weapons** (firearms, Knives, sprays, etc) during the ride along period. The Operations Bureau Captain can grant exceptions for those applicants who are certified police officers.
6. Seat Belts shall be worn at all times while inside a patrol vehicle.
7. Certain police calls are dangerous and may require that the officer drop you off at a safe location prior to responding to the call. In such instances, you are expected to stay at the drop off point until you are either picked back up or directed to do otherwise.
8. At no time should you interfere in any way with how an officer is handling a situation unless you are asked to do so by the officer you are assigned to. We encourage you to ask questions after the incident is complete.
9. Tape recorders and cameras are prohibited during the Ride Along.
10. The applicant shall not accompany an officer into a private residence or dwelling if it is requested by a person with legal authority over the property.
11. Applicants must follow all legal directives that are given by a police officer.
12. A Watch Sergeant or OIC has the authority to revoke an applicant's authorization to ride at any time if the applicant's behavior or attire is not in the best interest of the department

We hope that you enjoy your police ride along and that you will find the experience beneficial. Upon approval of your application, you will receive a telephone call to set up and confirm the time of your ride.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Appendix C
Watertown Police Department
Ride Along Waiver and Release Agreement

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
Date of Birth _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____

hereby agree to the following terms with respect to the City of Watertown Police Department allowing me to ride in a police vehicle as an observer.

1. That I will ride in a police vehicle with a police officer during his/her tour of duty only as scheduled in writing by the Chief of Police or his designate.
2. That in the event of any disturbance or emergency, I will remain in said police vehicle and not place myself in a position whereby I would hinder the investigation or place myself in danger of bodily harm.
3. That I hereby release and waive all responsibility to the City of Watertown, the Watertown Police Department, and the employees of said Police Department, for myself, my heirs and personal representatives, for any injuries, physical or mental, that I might receive as a result of any disturbance, emergency, or traffic accident while accompanying members of the Watertown Police Department on this project, and that I shall not have any right for a cause of action against the said City of Watertown, the Watertown Police Department, and/or any member or employee of the City of Watertown and the Watertown Police Department for any act or neglect to act, whatsoever occurring while I am involved in this project.
4. That this agreement shall not be construed as or deemed to be an agreement for the benefit of any third party, or parties nor shall they have any right of action hereunder for any cause whatsoever and have no ideas for personal gain from this project.

Signature Date