

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

RIDE-ALONG

PURPOSE AND POLICY. To permit citizens of the community to better understand the operations of the Aurora Police Department. To allow supervisors flexibility in controlling who rides with officers “on duty” and under what circumstances those persons may ride.

PREAUTHORIZATIONS. Ride-alongs are authorized in the discretion of the Chief of Police and shall be approved by him. A supervisor may specify additional requirements governing appearance and actions of such riders and the scheduling and/or priority of such rides. A police officer and/or anyone affiliated with the criminal justice system is authorized to ride at any time with approval of the Chief of Police.

RELIANCE. All nonpolice officers shall be notified of potential hazards and shall sign the release and waiver attached, prior to the ride-along.

REQUIREMENTS.

- A. Ride-alongs are required to be at least 16 years of age, unless authorized by the chief of Police, and anyone between 16 and 18 years of age must present the ride-along waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- B. All ride-alongs other than criminal justice members will be required to make arrangements at least 24 hours prior to riding. A ride-along may be requested to provide the department with full name and date of birth and authorize a record check to be made in advance.
- C. No more than one patrol car will be occupied by a ride-along rider at one time.
- D. In an emergency situation, the officer will drop the ride-along at a well lighted area prior to proceeding to the call.
- E. The Waiver shall provide:

I _____, hereby absolutely and generally release the City of Aurora, and all public officers, agents, and employees of the City of Aurora from any and all liability from personal injury of property damage, or death suffered by me as a result of my being permitted to ride in motor vehicles owned by the city of Aurora and operated by officers and employees of the Aurora Police Department. I elect to ride in a police vehicle and full awareness and understanding of the numerous and various risks of harm to which police are exposed, including but not limited to injury or death by being taken hostage, or by assault, gun shot or traffic accident.

I assume these risks with the understanding that in the event of an emergency, the police officer with whom I Ride or other police officer may not be able to protect me, and I do so because I desire to ride with a police officer on patrol for reasons exclusively to and for my personal benefit.

This General release does not apply to obviously negligent conduct on the part of any officer, agent or employee of the City of Aurora which results in physical injury or property damage to me, except at the scene of an emergency. This release binds my estate, my personal representative, heirs and assigns.