



ROCKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT ROCKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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COMMUNITY RIDE-ALONG/SIT-ALONG PROGRAM

Attached, please find an application for the Rocklin Police and Fire Department Community Ride-Along/Sit-Along Program. The goals of this program are to educate, inform, and provide opportunities for Rocklin residents to observe police and fire operations, and/or emergency communications activities to facilitate an understanding of public safety processes and enhance community-police and fire partnerships.

Rocklin residents aged *16 or older may apply to participate in the ride-along/sit-along program. Each applicant must sign the attached waiver and release form indicating he/she is aware of and assumes all risk of danger or injury and further waives any claim against the City of Rocklin, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief or other city personnel. Approved applicants may participate once every twelve months. *(Applicants under 18 years of age must have the approval and signature of a parent or guardian).

The attached form may be dropped off or mailed to 4080 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677 or faxed to (916) 625-5495. A criminal background check will be completed on all applicants, and notification of the status of the application will be made within fourteen days of the date the application was received. Following application approval, the applicant will be notified of a scheduled ride-along date and time.

Police ride-alongs and sit-alongs are scheduled in a maximum of four-hour increments for a day, swing or graveyard-shift. During business hours, participants should report to the front counter of the police department and notify Records personnel that they have arrived for a scheduled ride or sit-along. After business hours, the participant should pick up the phone outside the main lobby doors of the police department to notify Communications that he/she has arrived for a scheduled ride-along or sit-along. A police employee will meet the participant in the lobby of the police department.

Fire ride-alongs are scheduled in 8 hour time frames between the hours of 8am to 5pm with a 12 hour maximum. Directions for where to report for your ride-along will be given at the time Fire Administration schedules the ride-along with participant.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Rocklin Police Department Records Unit during business hours (8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday) at (916) 625-5405.

** Parents/guardians of any applicant between the ages of 16 and 18 must fill out and sign the application and release/waiver. Applications for under-age participants will be reviewed and approved/denied on a case-by-case basis.*

RIDE-ALONG/SIT-ALONG REGULATIONS

The purpose of the Community Ride-Along/Sit-Along Program is to encourage rapport between community members and their police and fire department, as well as to provide community members an understanding of police/fire operations. Participation in the ride-along program is a privilege, and is subject to the following regulations:

- Eligible applicants must reside, work, or attend school in the City of Rocklin, or receive specific permission from the watch commander/battalion chief to participate.
- Eligible applicants must be sixteen (16) years of age or older for Police and (18) years for Fire. (Parents/guardians of those under 18 years will be required to fill out and sign the application and release/waiver form).
- No person shall be allowed to ride or sit along without having submitted a signed ride-along/sit-along application and waiver form.
- Applicants will be allowed to participate once every twelve months.
- An applicant that fails to keep his/her ride/sit-along appointment without making prior rescheduling arrangements will not be eligible to participate in the program for six months from the date of the originally-schedule ride/sit-along.
- Participants must follow all lawful instructions provided by the police or fire employee to whom he/she is assigned.
- Participants must not exit a patrol or fire vehicle unless instructed to do so by an authorized police/fire employee.
- During a ride-along, the participant may be dropped off at a safe location if circumstances dictate it is not prudent for the participant to respond to a potentially dangerous situation. If this were to occur, another officer not assigned to that incident would be instructed to retrieve the participant as quickly as possible.
- The participant will provide his/her own transportation to and from the police/fire department.
- Background checks will be conducted on all applicants. The Rocklin Police/Fire Department reserves the right to disqualify an applicant from participation in this program. Below are examples of potentially disqualifying background findings;
 - Criminal history
 - Negative contacts with the participant in the past
 - Suspect, mentioned, or victim in an ongoing criminal investigation
- Tours are scheduled in four-hour increments for Police and eight-hour increments for Fire; however, either the police/fire employee or the participant may terminate the tour at any time following notification of the watch commander/battalion chief.
- Applicants will be contacted within two weeks of application with a confirmation or denial.
- Participants shall not participate in any police/fire activity unless directly requested by a police/fire employee. During a ride-along, the participant shall not converse with any prisoners, suspects, victims, or witnesses.
- All participants must agree to hold all matters pertaining to the names of suspects, victims, witnesses, or patients; issues relating to evidence gathered in the course of an investigation; or victim and witness statements as **confidential**.
- Recording devices and cameras will not be permitted while participating in the program, unless express permission is granted by the watch commander/battalion chief.
- **Participants must be presentably attired in business casual attire (slacks, collared shirt, and closed-toed shoes). Jeans, T-shirts, or open-toed shoes are not allowed and will result in the cancellation of the ride or sit-along.**

By signing the attached waiver form, the participant agrees to the rules and regulations listed above.

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

(Must be submitted with completed application)

WHEREAS, I _____, being eighteen (18) years of age or older, and not being a member of the Rocklin Police/Fire Department, have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to the department or visit in the communications center and to accompany a member or members of the police/fire department during the performance of their official duties, and

WHEREAS, the Rocklin Police/Fire Department is willing to allow me to ride in a vehicle assigned to the department or visit in the communications center and to accompany a member or members of the police/fire department during the performance of their duties on the following conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the permission given to me to ride in a vehicle assigned to the department or visit in the communications center of the Rocklin Police/Fire Department and/or to accompany a member or members of the police/fire department during the performance of their official duties, I do hereby agree:

1. That I am aware the work of the Rocklin Police/Fire Department is inherently dangerous and that I may be subject to the risk of death or personal injury or damage to my property by accompanying a member or members of the police/fire department during the performance of their official duties, and that I freely, voluntarily, and with such knowledge assume the risk of death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or any way connected with the use of weapons; unlawful acts, or forcible resistance by law violators or suspected law violators, assaults, riot, breach of peace, fire, explosion, gas, electrocution, or the escape of radioactive substances while accompanying a member or members of the police/fire department during the performance of their official duties.
2. That the City of Rocklin, Chief of Police, Fire Chief and all members of the Rocklin Police/Fire Department shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, or expense, either to me or my property, incurred while riding in any vehicle assigned to the police/fire department or while accompanying any member or members of said departments during the performance of their official duties and resulting from any negligent act or omission on the part of any member of the Rocklin Police/Fire Department.
3. For myself, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns to defend and indemnify the City of Rocklin, Chief of Police, Fire Chief and all members of the Rocklin Police/Fire Department, their sureties and each of them, against any and all manner and actions, cause of actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, damages, liability, or expense of every kind and nature incurred or arising by reasons of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission of mine while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Rocklin Police/Fire Department during the performance of their official duties.

I hereby represent that I have carefully read and understand the content of this document and sign same of my own free will.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

**ROCKLIN POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG / SIT-ALONG APPLICATION**

(This form must be submitted with a signed waiver)

Type of Ride/Sit-Along (Circle One): Police Ride-Along Fire Ride-Along Dispatch Sit-Along

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First / Middle / Last Name:					Home Phone:	
					Cell / Other Phone:	
Street Address:					City / State:	
					Zip Code:	
Sex:	Hair:	Eyes:	Height:	Weight:	Race:	Social Security #:
					_____ - _____ - _____	
Occupation / School:					Date Of Birth:	
Email Address:					Driver's License #/ State:	
Reason for Ride Along: <input type="checkbox"/> Rocklin PD/Fire applicant <input type="checkbox"/> HS or college school project <input type="checkbox"/> General interest in police/fire operations <input type="checkbox"/> Rocklin PD/Fire family member <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership or Citizen Academy <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please explain below						
Police Shift Preference: (Please Choose ONE) Monday - Thursday Friday - Sunday Day (Arrive at 7:00 am) Day (Arrive at 7:00 am) Swing (Arrive at 3:30 pm) Swing (Arrive at 2:30 pm) Graveyard (Arrive at 9:30 pm) Graveyard (Arrive at 8:30 pm)					Officer Requested (Police Dept. Only) _____ Preferred Date (Fire Dept. Only) _____	

I, the undersigned, hereby request permission to visit in the public safety communications center of the City of Rocklin, or to ride in a City of Rocklin police/fire vehicles, at such times and in such areas as may be approved by the Chief of Police, Fire Chief or thier designated representative. I understand that police/fire vehicles will be engaged in normal police/fire activities, some of which may be dangerous and expose passengers to risk or harm. I acknowledge this risk of harm and voluntarily accept it, hereby releasing the City of Rocklin, the Rocklin Police Department, Rocklin Fire Departments, the individual police and fire personnel, and employees of the City of Rocklin from any liability which might result from my participation in this program. I give permission to have my background checked for criminal history. I agree to the rules and instructions listed on the back of this form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

In case of emergency notify: _____ Phone: _____

JUVENILES

PARENTS/GUARDIANS of applicants under eighteen (18) years of age must READ AND SIGN THIS APPLICATION prior to participation in this program. Ride-along/sit-along program applicants who are at least sixteen (16) years of age are eligible to apply.

PERMISSION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I, the undersigned, being the parent/guardian of _____ hereby join with him/her in requesting permission for him/her to visit in the Communications Center or to ride in a police/fire vehicle as aforesaid and do join in granting a release and discharge to the City of Rocklin, the Rocklin Police Department, Rocklin Fire Department, the individual police and fire personnel, and employees of the City of Rocklin, as set out in detail above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:			
Record check: _____	Date: _____	Ride/Sit date: _____	Shift: _____
Supervisor approval: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO _____		Date: _____	
Hosting officer: _____			
Future ride along: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, reason: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> FTA

PLEASE RETURN TO RECORDS ONCE RIDE-ALONG / SIT-ALONG IS COMPLETE