



UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR RIDE ALONG AND GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY BY PATROL CAR PASSENGERS

I, _____
Print Name

Request permission to ride in a University Police Department (UPD) patrol vehicle for personal or educational purposes. In consideration of granting my request, I understand and agree that I am under no pressure or obligation to participate. I am not an agent, servant, employee or volunteer of UNCW.

I have read the rules and regulations outlined in Ride Along Rules section of this form. I agree to abide by said rules and regulations and to follow all instructions of any UPD officer, including but limited to exiting the UPD vehicle, remaining in or moving towards a location. I further understand that permission granted to ride in a patrol vehicle may be revoked at any time by decision of the patrol officer operating the patrol vehicle, or by any supervisory or command officer.

I agree and understand that the University Police Department will take no special protective measures to safeguard me as a passenger.

I acknowledge and understand that by participating in this program, I am exposing myself to all risks normally associated with police work, including but not limited to the use of weapons and firearms, motor vehicle collisions, the acts and forcible resistance of criminal suspects, civil disturbances, explosion, electrocution, the escape of radioactive substances, the effects of wind, rain, fire and gas, and vehicular collision, and I freely and voluntarily assume all of said inherent risks, whether or not they are listed above.

I further do hereby release, quitclaim and forever discharge the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and any of its agents, employees and trustees from and of all claims, damages, injuries, or causes of action generally arising out of or related to my participation in a Ride Along Program in or out of a UPD vehicle, and do hereby agree to hold and save the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, its agents, employees and trustees, free and harmless from any and all liability for any injuries or damages or property damage that I might suffer, including whether the same arises out of vehicle operation or hostile acts of any person encountered by me during the time I am accompanying a University of North Carolina Wilmington Police Officer. This release agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigns.

I am _____ years of age. Sex _____ Race _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Drivers License State and Number _____

Requested Ride Date and Time _____

Signed by me this _____ day of _____, 20____ with the intention of legally obligating myself.

Signature of Passenger: _____

Witnessed By: _____

Ride Along Rules

1. Request for Ride Along must be completed, liability waiver must be signed, these Rules must be read, and the observer must be age 18 or older. Passenger will be required to leave their current State Drivers License or valid Identification Card with the Desk Officer while participating in the ride along.
2. Submission of false information of any type will disqualify an observer from the program. A criminal background may disqualify an observer from the program. You must not be under investigation by any criminal justice agency. You must not have been terminated or forced to resign from any criminal justice agency. You will not be currently subject to any UNCW disciplinary investigations or restrictions at the time. You will not be currently subject to any court orders or other restrictions to your ability to be on any UNCW campus or property.
3. You shall arrive at the police station fifteen (15) minutes prior to the ride-a-long, and will be returned at the designated time, or at request of the ride-a-long. You must present yourself in a neat and clean appearance. No unsafe or inappropriate clothing will be allowed.
4. You will not be armed with any type of weapon, including pepper spray, unless you are a sworn police officer in the State of NC, in which you may carry a concealed firearm in conformity with NC statutes and your departmental policy; you must notify the UNCW officer that you assigned that you are carrying a weapon.
5. You must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in police cases or incidents. It is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigations be held confidential. Cameras and other recording devices are prohibited from use except as authorized by the Operations Commander.
6. You must wear a seat belt at all times while in the vehicle and in all other ways behave in a safe manner.
7. You shall not interfere or become involved with the officers' activities at any time. Although it is desirable and encouraged for participants to ask questions regarding procedures and activities, it must be done at an appropriate time. Any participant who becomes a hindrance will be returned to the station and the ride will be terminated. You shall not leave the police vehicle at the scene of any police activity including traffic stops unless directed by the officer. You will not handle, touch or inspect any piece of evidence or police equipment. You shall not converse with prisoners, suspects, witnesses or other parties contacted on police business unless requested by the officer.