



## San José State University Police Department Citizen Ride-Along Program

Welcome to the San José State University Police Department Ride-Along Program!

We appreciate your participation in the program and hope your experience will be enjoyable as well as educational. Although most of your time with us will likely involve routine police work, there is always the possibility of danger. Riding in a marked police vehicle with a uniformed police officer on patrol can place you in the same unexpected danger as the officer in the patrol car with you.

For this reason, we have established several guidelines:

- Conduct yourself as an observer. You must not become physically or verbally caught up in any incident in which the officer is involved.
- Feel free to ask questions of the officer, but do not do so when he or she is involved in an investigation or any other matter wherein the officer's full attention is required.
- The officer may explain or demonstrate the uses for the various items of equipment inside the vehicle. However, you must not touch any of the equipment!
- Remember that while you are riding along with the officer, he or she is concentrating on a number of things. Listening to the police radio, watching for suspicious activity or violations of the law and driving safely require the officer to be fully alert. If the officer's attention is directed elsewhere or if he or she asks you to stop speaking – please do so without question.
- You may expect to go wherever the officer goes. If he or she is involved in a situation involving undue danger, you may be asked by the officer to remain in the patrol car to ensure your own safety. It is possible (but unlikely) that the officer may ask you to remain behind in a safe place while he or she responds to an extremely dangerous situation.
- Wear your seat belt at all times while the patrol car is in motion.
- The San José State University Police Department routinely runs a warrant check on all persons desiring to ride with an officer as part of this program.

## San José State University Police Department Citizen Ride-Along Waiver

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone/Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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Driver's License or California ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a San José State University student? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Day and Date you wish to ride: \_\_\_\_\_ Time you wish to ride: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Ride Along: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release San José State University and its officers and employees from any claim for damages for any loss of property, injury or death which might result from my participation in a Ride-Along Program involving the San José State University Police Department. This release is given freely in consideration of the privilege being extended to me to ride in units of the University Police Department.

Signature of Citizen Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Division Commander review and approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

SLETS/CJIC Clear: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned to Team: 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of Approved Form forwarded to Office of the Chief of Police for file.