



FACT SHEET ABOUT THE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

The Sheriff's Office encourages community interest and involvement in the law enforcement process and allows citizens to ride as observers in Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles. Persons wishing to ride as observers must follow the protocol established below to ensure their safety and the safety of our deputies.

Those wishing to ride as an observer need to come to the Human Resources Division of the Sheriff's Office at **100 Eslinger Way Sanford FL. 32773 on Thursdays between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm for fingerprinting.** During this initial contact, Human Resources will advise the prospective participant of the requirements for the Ride-Along Program. Persons under the age of 18 are not permitted as Ride-Along participants with the exception of Youth Deputies.

When the prospective participant comes in for fingerprinting, they will be asked to present their valid Florida Driver's License or other appropriate picture identification to verify identity and be required to submit the completed Rider Release Form. Prospective participant will then be emailed with Security Awareness course instructions. This course can be completed from any computer. Once the course is completed and the prospective participant is approved, Human Resources will email the participant that they may contact either the East, South, or North Divisions to schedule their Ride-Along.

Observers are under the supervision of the employees with whom they ride. They are **not** allowed to: assist with criminal interrogations or physical confrontations; exit the vehicle except upon specific instructions; or possess a firearm or other weapon.

SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RIDER RELEASE FORM

In consideration of the privilege being granted me by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office to accompany a deputy during the performance of his duties and be a passenger in a Seminole County Sheriff's Office vehicle, I hereby assume all risk of personal injury and death which may occur while accompanying the deputy during the performance of his duties and riding in the Seminole County Sheriff's Office vehicle. I assume this risk with knowledge of the dangers associated with law enforcement, including, but not limited to being assaulted or battered by an individual, wounded or killed with a weapon, or involved in a vehicle accident. In consideration of this privilege, I hereby and agree to indemnify and save harmless Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma, his officers, employees, agents, and their successors, heirs, and assigns, from any and all claims of liability or damages whatever nature allegedly arising from or related in any way to my accompaniment of the deputy during the performance of his duties and my riding in a Seminole County Sheriff's Office vehicle.

I acknowledge that any information heard or seen while I am either in the Seminole County Sheriff's Office building or within a Seminole County Sheriff's Office vehicle, which falls under the purview of CJI (Criminal Justice Information) is CONFIDENTIAL and I agree to not discuss, disclose, share any and all CJI (Criminal Justice Information) with anyone other than those persons who have the authority to receive, discuss, or disseminate (e.g. law enforcement, Records personnel, etc.) the information.

I understand that the privilege granted me to ride in a Seminole County Sheriff's Office vehicle shall be exercised by me after I make specific arrangements with the Seminole County Sheriff or his authorized representative on days I plan to ride as an observer. I further understand that this privilege may not be exercised more than twice per month or more than twice during the Community Law Enforcement Academy. I also understand that it is my responsibility to contact the Division Commander to exercise this privilege, and that the length of each ride shall be mutually agreeable between me and the deputy sheriff with whom I am riding.

I will not use a personal cell phone or other device to record, memorialize or otherwise communicate any events which I may observe in the course of my participation and comply with any other mobile device restrictions as indicated to me by a Sheriff's office supervisor or employee. It is further understood and agreed by me that this privilege may be revoked at any time by the Sheriff or his authorized representative. Unless specifically authorized by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, no observer may carry a firearm or any other weapon. All observers are required to wear appropriate casual business attire while riding.

FULL NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME/CELL PHONE: _____ BUSINESS/CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL (Please print legibly. This will be how we contact you): _____

Are you a current applicant with the Seminole County Sheriff Office? (Circle One) YES NO

If yes, what position? _____

Request to ride with: _____

(Not required)

Participant Signature and Date

Witnessed by Sheriff's Office Employee/Number

This form is to be returned to the Human Resources Division, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, 100 Eslinger Way, Sanford, Florida 32773 (407)-665-6621 when the participant is scheduled for fingerprinting.