



# City of Hutchins Police Department

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## RIDE ALONG APPLICATION FOR PATROL OBSERVATION

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Forms must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be processed.
2. Signature on Waiver of Liability must be witnessed. If applicant is under 18 years of age, parent/guardian must provide a witnessed signature.
3. Please retain the ride along comment sheet for use after you ride.
4. Once the application form is completed, signed and witnessed, return the packet to the Hutchins Police Department. Forms may be turned in at the lobby 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. They will then be routed to the Patrol Services Division for review, approval, and scheduling. Once approved, you will be notified by phone. Please allow 7-10 days for notification.
5. Please report 30 minutes prior to the shift starting time. All participants must be neat in appearance and dress.

Application received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received in Patrol Services by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CCH completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Ride Along: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor on duty: \_\_\_\_\_



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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation to Police Department: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, contact (full name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate emergency contact (full name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby authorize the Hutchins Police Department to make any such inquiries as are necessary to determine the existence of any criminal record that I may have.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the day of the week in which you would like to conduct your ride along:

Mon  Tues  Wed  Thurs  Fri  Sat  Sun

Please indicate which shift you would like to conduct your ride along:  Days  Nights

Do you wish to ride with a specific officer? If yes, officer's name: \_\_\_\_\_



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## ADULT WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

### THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DALLAS AGREEMENT

That I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, a private person, for and in sole consideration of the privilege of riding as a guest and voluntary observer in a police department vehicle of the City of Hutchins, Texas, during the period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and recognizing that route police activity involves certain inherent dangers and risks to person and property, do hereby agree to assume the risks and dangers attendant to such activity, including but not limited to property damage and/or personal injury to me as a result of motor vehicle accidents or motor vehicle collisions on either public streets or private property; property damage and/or personal injury to me as a result of altercations, assaults or any other acts associated with arrests of criminal suspects,; property damage and/or personal injury to me resulting from the acts of third parties whether caused by errors, omissions, or negligent acts of third parties or myself; property damage, and/or personal injury to me resulting from any of my own activities, errors, omissions, or negligent acts.

I do hereby waive all claims, release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Hutchins and all of its officials, officers, agents, employees, in both their public and private capacities from any and all liability, claims, suits, demands, expenses of litigation or causes of action which may arise by reason of injury to persons or loss of, damage or loss of any property occasioned by error, omission or negligent act of myself or any other persons with regard to this agreement, and I will at my own cost and expense, defend and protect the City of Hutchins against any and all such claims and demands.

I do hereby further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Hutchins and all of its officials, officers, agents, employees, from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, causes of action, suits and liability of every kind, including all expense of litigation, including but not limited to court costs and attorney fees for death, injury to, or debt of any person or for loss, damage to or loss of use of any property arising out of or in connection with this agreement. Such indemnity shall apply whether the claims, losses, damages, causes of action, suits or liability arise in whole or in part from the negligence of the City of Hutchins, its officers, officials, agents, or employees. It is the express intention of the parties hereto, both myself and the City of Hutchins, that the indemnity provided for this paragraph is indemnity by the undersigned to indemnify and protect the City of Hutchins from the consequences of the City of Hutchins' own negligence, whether that negligence is the sole or concurring cause of injury, death or damage.

It is further agreed that the execution of this Waiver of Liability, Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement will not constitute a waiver by the City of Hutchins of the defense of governmental immunity, where applicable, or any other defense recognized by the courts of the State of Texas.

I, the undersigned have read this Waiver of Liability, Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement and understand its terms. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

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The above-named individual, by his or her signature hereto, does request the permission and authorization to ride as a guest observer with the City of Hutchins Police Department for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_. He or she has read the *Hutchins Police Department Ride Along Observer Rules of Conduct* and agree to abide by the same.



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## RIDE ALONG OBSERVER RULES OF CONDUCT

The staff of the Hutchins Police Department welcomes your participation as an observer in our Patrol Ride Along Program. You should be aware that the nature of police duty is sometimes dangerous and at times involves tense situations. In the interest of effective police operations and your own safety, you will comply with the following regulations:

1. The officer's decision as to the extent of your involvement in situations is absolute. You must obey any instruction given to you by the officer without question or delay.
2. For your safety, the officer may determine your presence at a scene is not advisable, in which case the officer may leave you at a location determined safe by the officer, where he will return later to pick you up and resume your observation period.
3. You will not consume any alcoholic beverages immediately prior to or during your observation period, nor will you report for your observation period under the influence of any intoxicating beverage or drug.
4. You will not carry a firearm or a weapon prohibited by Texas or federal law. If you are licensed to carry a concealed handgun under applicable Texas law, you will not be permitted to carry the handgun during your observation period. If you are found to be so armed, the observation period will be terminated, and you will be subject to arrest for violation of applicable law.
5. You will convey to no person, by acts or statements, that you are a police officer or have the powers and authority of a police officer.
6. You will refrain from involving yourself in any physical struggle or verbal arguments with any persons encountered by the officer; however, you are bound by law to render assistance to the officer should he request it of you.
7. You will not become involved in any police investigation with another citizen. You will not make known to any unauthorized person the identity of persons suspected of or arrested for any offense, nor will you reveal the identity of any persons detained by police for any reason.
8. As a guest of the department, you are expected to be attired and groomed in an appropriate business-like manner. The shift commander has the authority to deny you permission to ride along, if your appearance is such that would challenge the respect and authority of the department.
9. You are limited to one observation tour in any quarter unless repeat observation is authorized by the Chief of Police.
10. You will remain with your assigned officer for the duration of your observation period unless circumstances specified in #2 above require temporary interruption of your observation period or unless your conduct is determined to impair effective police operations, in which event your observation period will be immediately terminated.



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## RIDE ALONG PROGRAM EVALUATION

1. What is your general opinion of the Ride Along experience?
2. Did you observe something that you feel should be changed?
3. Do you feel there is a generally hostile attitude toward police?
4. Do you feel that your attitude toward police has changed?
5. Do you feel that the officer(s) treated the citizens fairly and respectfully?
6. Was the service or advice given by the officer(s) satisfactory?
7. Do you feel that Hutchins police officers are adequately trained?
8. Do you feel that we should continue or expand the Ride Along Program?
9. If you could change one thing about the Hutchins Police Department, what would it be?

*Thank you for your participation in the Hutchins Police Department's Ride Along Program.*

*We appreciate your comments.*