DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT - AUTHORIZATION TO RIDE IN A DENVER POLICE VEHICLE

RIDER REQUEST

NAME				DATE OF BIRTH
RESIDENCE ADDRESS		CELL / HOME PHONE ( )		BUSINESS PHONE ( )
OCCUPATION	DATE RIDE REQUESTED	DETAIL REQUESTED	REPORTING TIME	DEPT. ASSIGNMENT
REASON FOR REQUESTING THIS RIDE				

CONDITION OF RIDE AUTHORIZATION

Per DPD Operations Manual Section 112.01(11):

a. Authorization Required:

No individual may ride in a Denver police vehicle without prior authorization, with the following exceptions:

1. Denver Police Department personnel, including police reserve officers.
2. A Denver county peace officer.
3. Individuals transported because of a police action or on official police department business.
4. Individuals transported upon orders of supervisory or command officer.
5. Denver Public Safety Cadets may ride in police vehicles when authorized in accordance with the policies of the Public Safety Cadet Program.
6. Denver Police Explorers may ride in police vehicles when authorized in accordance with the policies of the Denver Police Explorer Program.

b. Outside Law Enforcement Officers:

Members of other law enforcement agencies may be issued permits to ride in a police vehicle at the district/section level.

c. All Other Persons:

All other passengers must obtain approval from the Chief of Police or Deputy Chief prior to riding in a department vehicle. The Deputy Chief may delegate this authority to division chiefs, district commanders, or section commanding officers.

d. Requests for Authorization:

Requests for authorization will be submitted on an Authorization to Ride in a Denver Police Vehicle (DPD 8). All individuals applying to ride in a Denver police vehicle will be cleared through CCIC/NCIC and undergo a criminal history background evaluation. All applicants will need to be free of adverse or serious criminal history information and individuals with a felony conviction will be denied authorization. On a case-by-case basis, individuals with a non-felony criminal history will be assessed by the deputy chief, district commander or section commanding officer for authorization. Commanders (or designee) will ensure that the form has been properly completed and that the requesting person has complied with all requirements prior to commencement of the ride along.

1. **Yearly Limitations:**
   Authorization will not be granted to individuals more than once each calendar year, nor to persons under the age of twenty-one (21), unless approved in advance by the Deputy Chief.
   - This provision does not apply to members of other law enforcement agencies.
   - Citizen academy graduates, who are in good standing with the department, may ride twice per calendar year.
2. **Record Retention:**
   Original ride permits will be maintained on file at the district or section level for three years. A copy will be provided to the rider.
3. **Written Statements:**
   Where statements from witnesses are appropriate, officers will ensure that riders provide such statements.
4. **Denver 911 Notification:**
   At the beginning of their shift, officers will notify the dispatcher of an authorized rider and this information will be recorded on the CAD System. Officers will record all pertinent information regarding riders on their log sheets.
5. **Photographs or Recordings:**
   Unless approved by the Deputy Chief, no photos or recordings by riders will be permitted.
6. **Specialized Units:**
   All ride authorizations for Metro/SWAT, Canine, or Gang Section will require prior approval from the Division Chief of Investigations.

In exchange for being granted the privilege to ride as an observer in a Denver Police Car, I release the City and County of Denver, the Denver Police Department, its officers, agents and employees from: (1) any personal injury which may occur, (2) any damage to my clothing or personal property, (3) any other loss or damage which may occur, which results from the negligent acts of any person. Any person includes, but is not limited to, myself, all employees of the City and County of Denver including Denver Police Officers and persons with whom the Denver Police Officers have contact. I intend this release of liability to cover all situations, which may occur, while I accompany the Denver Police Officers. I realize that accompanying police officers on their tour of duty may expose me to hazardous situations. Such potential hazards can include, but are not limited to, shootings, stabbings, assaults and other forms of physical violence, explosions, falls, dog bites, and motor vehicle accidents. I agree to assume the risk of any personal injury, loss or damage, which may result from any hazardous situation to which I am exposed. I agree to act as my own insurer against all hazards and negligent acts of any person. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the City and County of Denver, the Denver Police Department, its officers, agents and employees from any liability which may be asserted against them for any act which I may commit while I accompany the Denver Police Officers on their tour of duty. ***(If a court of law construes that any part of this release is invalid, such construction shall not invalidate the remainder of this release.) I have read this release, I understand what the release means, I indicate my voluntary acceptance of the terms of this release by signing my name below.***

CAUTION: READ BEFORE SIGNING

Date _____ Signature of Person Applying for Ride _____

DPD USE

CLEAR-RECORDS ☐ YES ☐ NO CLEAR-CCIC/NCIC ☐ YES ☐ NO CLEARED BY _____

APPROVAL: COMMANDER _____ DIVISION CHIEF _____