



Moultonborough Police Department



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CIVILIAN RIDE-ALONG WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In an effort to better understand the day-to-day operations of a police department, and the role police officers have within their community, the Moultonborough Police Department extends the courtesy of having civilians accompany officers on patrol for a tour of duty.

Police work, even within a small town, is inherently dangerous. Accompanying an officer on patrol puts you on the front line, thus putting you in potential danger. This danger can result in serious bodily injury and possible death. In order to remain as safe as possible, there are some rules that are listed below. The rules will be followed, failure to do so will terminate your ride-along. Understand that the office, at no time, knowingly puts you into a dangerous situation.

While on a ride-along the citizen shall:

1. Follow all of the officer's instructions, directions, and commands.
2. If dispatched to a potentially dangerous situation, the office may drop you off or direct you to a safe location for you to wait for him/her. This is not the officer's way of telling you he/she does not want you to see something, it is strictly for your safety.
3. The citizen will not accompany an officer to a violator's vehicle during a stop; accompany an officer during a building search, etc. The citizen shall remain in the patrol vehicle unless otherwise specified by the officer.
4. While on a ride-along, the civilian will wear a bull-proof vest at all times, unless otherwise specified.
5. While on a ride-along the citizen does not have any police authority or arrest power and will not use any police equipment.
6. Any information relative to investigations, arrests, citations, etc. (names, addresses, case facts), is **CONFIDENTIAL**, and will not be discussed with any other civilians once the ride-along is complete. To do so is a violation of confidentiality and you could be prosecuted.
7. If you witness an incident with an office, you may be required to offer a statement and potentially testify in court as a witness.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I _____ have read the above rules and I understand them. I understand that there is a danger in accompanying an officer on a ride-along. I further understand that the ride-along must first be approved by the Chief of Police and Shift Supervisor. I understand that I can request a particular officer to ride with, but that the decision of whom I will be assigned to is up to the Shift Supervisor. Understanding the above and agreeing to the rules set forth, I hereby knowingly relinquish any and all liability from the Town of Moultonborough.

Signature

Date