



CIVILIAN RIDE-ALONG RULES:

1. The Applicant must apply to ride by sending a written request to the shift supervisor. As part of the application process, the applicant must agree to allow the department to perform an approved records check.
2. Rider must wear the department issued Ride-Along Observer ID Badge along with business casual attire (i.e.: Khakis and collared shirt, no jeans, shorts or midriff shirts or any other attire that would be confused with a police uniform).
3. Rider may act only as an observer and must follow all rules of the program and thoroughly complete the liability waiver form.
4. Rider shall not handle any department weapon or equipment unless requested specifically by the officer or under emergency circumstances where the officer's safety is at risk. Riders must not interfere with or assist the officer(s) unless their aid is specifically requested or under emergency circumstances where the officer's safety is at risk. The rider must follow the directions of the officer with whom they are assigned.
5. Circumstances may arise when the rider will witness events and may be subject to subpoena by court of law.
6. The rider shall not carry a weapon, handcuffs, or any personal police type equipment during the ride-a-long. This does not include off duty officers from outside agencies. Riders may carry a flashlight and a department prep radio.
7. The officer may terminate the ride-a-long at any time and for any reason. Any disagreements or conflicts that the rider may have regarding the termination shall be addressed by the rider with the Chief's office (or designee) and not with the officer.
8. No more than one (1) rider will be scheduled to ride during one shift. Riders will be allowed to ride for a maximum of eight (8) hours within a six (6) month period.
 - a. This section does not apply to interns or those individuals who have been made exempt by the Chief of Police or his designee.
9. Any questions or reactions concerning an officer's action in the performance of his/her duty shall be addressed to the officer-in-charge. At no time are riders permitted to use audio/visual recording devices while participating in the program without prior consent of the Chief of Police.
10. Circumstances may arise when the rider is left at a safer location in lieu of responding to a perceived hazardous police action or runs that are sensitive in nature.

I have read and understand the above rules and agree to abide by these rules.

X _____
Civilian

Date

X _____
Officer

Date



RIDE-ALONG WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

DATE OF REQUEST: _____

RIDE-ALONG DATE: _____

ASSIGNED OFFICER: _____

1. I, _____ of _____,
(name) (address)

_____, do hereby request permission to ride in a New Baltimore Police Department vehicle for the purpose of direct observation of the police function.

In case of emergency, notify _____, (relationship)

_____, (address) _____,

(home telephone #) _____, (cell phone #) _____.

2. I understand that participation could be hazardous and that personal injury or property damage could occur during the course of my participation. I hereby specifically assume any such risks and specifically waive any rights I now have, or may hereafter acquire, against the City of New Baltimore or the New Baltimore Police Department or the officers of the New Baltimore Police Department for any personal injury or property damage that might occur in the course of, or as a result of, my participation in this program.

3. I have read the rules attached to this form. I understand these rules and agree to abide by them.

4. I understand that I am expected to carry my own insurance policy including complete medical coverage. I also agree to hold the City of New Baltimore and the New Baltimore Police Department harmless for any injury, illness, or loss of life resulting from this ride-along.

Signature: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

If under 18, Parent/Legal guardian signature: _____

Patrol Officer and Supervisor comments:
