

# MESA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## PATROL RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Applicant must read, initial, sign and keep this acknowledgment

The attached applicant hereby acknowledges and declares that this application is made with understanding and consideration of the below terms:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
1. Applicant is seeking to participate in the Mesa County Sheriff's Office Ride-Along Program. Should the applicant be accepted, the applicant will be assigned to an "On Duty" patrol deputy and will observe that deputy's routine patrol duty by riding with the deputy on a patrol shift. While riding with the deputy, the applicant will be present as the deputy responds to calls for service, conducts standard patrol operations, and performs any other functions required by his position. At the invitation and instruction of the deputy, the applicant may exit the vehicle to do further observations as circumstances and considerations for safety allow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
2. If the applicant is approved, he/she will ride as a passenger in vehicles owned by the Mesa County Sheriff's Office and operated by employees of the Sheriff's Office. This service is furnished to the applicant purely as a gratuity and is revocable at any time and for any reason that may become necessary on the part of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
3. The applicant acknowledges the routine patrol functions involve a heightened degree of risk over ordinary motor vehicle operation; law enforcement vehicles may be called upon to operate in emergency conditions at greater than normal speeds, and are justified in disregarding certain traffic control devices and other legal restrictions which may apply to other types of motor vehicles. The applicant further acknowledges that the determination of when and how to operate the law enforcement vehicle is within the sole discretion of the Mesa County Sheriff's deputy and his/her supervisors. While reasonable efforts will be made to ensure the safety and comfort of the applicant, the Sheriff's Office mission to protect and serve the community shall be paramount.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
4. Law enforcement by its very nature involves hazards not normally present for an ordinary citizen. Many times such hazards are beyond the power of the law enforcement officer to control. Therefore, at all times while riding as an observer in an official law enforcement vehicle, the applicant shall agree to, without question or hesitation, abide by the directions of the Sheriff's Office deputy and his/her supervisors. The applicant acknowledges that, even under such direction and care, all risks present during routine law enforcement functions cannot be eliminated. The applicant acknowledges that to participate in the observation of any law enforcement function, the applicant must assume certain risks that would not typically exist for non-law enforcement personnel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
5. The applicant acknowledges that in an emergency situation, the Sheriff's deputy may not be able to both perform his/her duty and place the applicant safely away from any potential danger. Therefore, the applicant may be subjected, in some instances, to many of the same risks faced by the officer. With full knowledge of these circumstances, the applicant agrees to assume such risks in order to observe the functions of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
6. The applicant further acknowledges that through involvement with criminal investigation, details of other individuals' lives may arise. Therefore the applicant agrees to keep confidential all observations and conversations that the applicant observes by participating in this program. The applicant recognizes that it is possible to become civilly liable for any disclosure of any confidential information obtained as part of the observation program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
7. Further, the applicant gives express permission for the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, when necessary, to arrange for medical assistance, first aid and ambulance services for the treatment of the applicant. The applicant agrees to pay for any and all such services.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
8. In consideration for granting of the privilege of the applicant to act as an observer of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, the applicant accepts and assumes all risks associated with participation in this program. The applicant, on behalf of his or herself, and his/her heirs, successors, and assigns, shall hereby forever release, discharge, indemnify, hold harmless, and acquit the County of Mesa, the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, their officials, deputies, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, losses, costs, and damages of any kind whatsoever, that arise from or are in any way related to the applicant's participation in this program. Interpretations of this agreement shall be under the laws of the State of Colorado. If any portion of this agreement is held invalid, the remaining portions shall be given such interpretations as may preserve the validity and legal effect notwithstanding the deleting of the invalid portions. Applicant consents to the personal jurisdiction of the courts in the State of Colorado. Venue for any legal action brought concerning the subject matter of this agreement shall be in Mesa County, Colorado.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
9. Participation of the applicant is at the discretion of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. Disqualification of applicants include, but are not limited to, criminal records/contacts, and approval not in the best interest of the Mesa County Sheriff's Office and/or Mesa County.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
10. Proper business attire is the required attire for all applicants during participation in this program. No weapons are to be carried unless prior approval has been granted for current/former authorized law enforcement officers only.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
11. Applicants will only be allowed to ride once every six months unless prior approval is granted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials
12. The applicant hereby declares they are at least 18 years old; this entire form has been read and fully understood prior to the affixing of a signature on this application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Initials

**PATROL RIDE-ALONG APPLICATION**  
**(ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (no P.O. Box please): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Ride-Along request: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any Medical Conditions the Mesa County Sheriff's Office should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in a ride-along with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office within the last (6) months? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been denied acceptance to participate in a ride-along with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office?

\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**By affixing my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read this application and agreement and fully understand and agree to its terms. I understand I am relinquishing substantial rights, including the right to sue. I am signing this freely and voluntarily.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

**Please attach photocopy of valid driver's license/identification card.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Below for Mesa County Sheriff's Office official use only\*\*\*\*\***

**Records check completed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach CCIC/NCIC and Driver's History paperwork to back of application)

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date / Time Ride Along Scheduled:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shift Supervisor Notified:**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant contacted:**  By Phone  In Person **Date / Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date applicant entered in Summit:** \_\_\_\_\_