

**GEORGETOWN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



**Ride Along Request**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_ Date Desired to Ride \_\_\_\_\_

Time Desired (Maximum of 8 Hours) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Any Particular Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for My Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:**

Participant must also read sign, and acknowledge the following rules.  
Forms are to be turned into the Captain of Patrol, any ride along participant with questions or comments should be directed to contact the Captain of Patrol.

**Rules of Conduct and Dress for Participants**

1. Riders are expected to present a reasonable, clean and neat appearance; both in person and clothing. Most Citizens expect as much from their Deputy Sheriff's, and our Deputy Sheriff's expect as much from the participants in this program. Sandals without socks, or bare feet are not acceptable. The department reserves the right to judge the reasonableness of dress and appearance.
2. Riders are expected not to interfere in anyway with the actions of the officer while engaged in official duty. If you find that you do not agree with the officer's manner or solution in

handling a problem, discuss the matter with him/her later. Some procedures are prescribed, but many are arbitrary and based on the officer's experience and assessment of the situation. Later discussion will most often enlighten the inexperienced.

3. This department encourages discussion of the problems observed and of the opinions held by the riders. We anticipate a variety of views and philosophies among the various participants. However, do not let disagreement get out of hand. Remember that the officer still has a job to do, although you are sharing in it to some extent. If he/she feels your presence is too objectionable and/or interferes with him/her in the performance of their duty, he/she has the right to terminate the ride.
4. There may be occasions when you will necessarily be required to leave the patrol unit while the officer answers a potentially dangerous call, an armed robbery for instance. In such a case you should be prepared to be dropped off at a safe location, and to be later picked up.
5. Riders are required to remain in the patrol unit while the officer is out on a call. On certain types of calls, the officer may permit you to observe, if he/she feels the circumstances warrant it. No attempt should be made to assist the officer unless he/she asks for help. In such situations, your role will ordinarily be restricted to calling radio dispatch for assistance. This procedure will be explained to you.
6. Remember, should you be a witness to certain events, there is a possibility that you may be subpoenaed into court as the county's witness.
7. Other than an ordinary pocketknife, you are not permitted to carry anything on your person that could be considered to be a weapon.
8. Riders who appear to have been drinking, or who appears to be under the influence of drugs, will not be permitted to participate in this program.

I understand that I am under the direct supervision of the officer with whom I am riding and in no way will hinder said officer from the performance of his/her duties. I agree to adhere to all departmental policies, rules and regulations, and understand that the maximum allowable time is 8 hours and this is only three (3) times per calendar month.

I hereby agree to release, and hold the County of Georgetown, its Sheriff Deputies and all others connected with the County of Georgetown, its Sheriff Deputies and all others connected with the County, free and harmless from any and all liability and claims for damages, by reason of any injury or harm that might arise out of my participation in the ride along program.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVING SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_