Richland County Sheriff's Department
Ride-Along Program

The Richland County Sheriff's Department offers a Ride-Along program to citizens which allows them to ride with a patrol deputy during their shift.

The Ride-Along application can be downloaded below and is also available at the reception desk of Richland County Sheriff's Department Headquarters, located at 5623 Two Notch Rd Columbia, SC 29223.

The application must be completed and returned to Cpl. Renaldo Cropp in the following ways:
- Emailed to RCSDInternship@rcsd.net
- Returned to the reception desk at Richland County Sheriff's Department Headquarters

Applicants must pass a background check in order to be eligible to participate.

If you have any questions or need information regarding the Ride-Along Program, please contact Cpl. Renaldo Cropp at (803) 576-2222.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA   )

)   RELEASE OF CLAIMS

COUNTY OF RICHLAND   )

WHEREAS, the undersigned has requested of the Richland County Sheriff's Department permission to ride in a Richland County Sheriff's Department Vehicle.

WHEREAS, the Richland County Sheriff's Department does not object to this accommodation on its part, providing the undersigned assumes the risk involved in this endeavor.

NOW, for and in consideration of allowing the undersigned to ride as a passenger in a Richland County Sheriff's Department vehicle, I hereby release the Richland County Sheriff's Department and the County of Richland, from all claims, demands and causes of action, that the **Releaser** may now have or that might subsequently accrue to **Releaser**, arising out of or connected with, directly or indirectly, the accommodation afforded to the **Releaser** on the part of the Richland County Sheriff's Department and the County of Richland in allowing the **Releaser** to ride as a passenger in a Richland County Sheriff's Department vehicle.

The **Releaser** further agrees that he/she is cognizant that he/she may receive injuries, damages, or other sickness as a result of riding in said Sheriff's car but, further, hereby releases the above mentioned governmental agencies from all liability, claims, demands, costs, charges and expenses from any future personal injuries, damages and/or sickness that might be sustained by the **Releaser**, further shown as the undersigned.

The **Releaser**, same being the undersigned, understands that these injuries, damages and/or sickness that are unknown to him/her at the present time further releases any unknown complications which may arise in the future from the injuries, damages and/or sickness of which he/she is presently unaware and are all covered by this **Release**; and, further, that this was brought to the **Releaser's** attention and discussed prior to his/her signing said **Release**.

The **Releaser**, same being the undersigned, further releases, not only of himself/herself, but for his/her heirs, legal representatives and assigns, the Richland County Sheriff's Department and the County of Richland from any and all claims and causes of action including, without limitations, claims of property damage, direct or indirect medical expenses, pain and suffering, disability, loss of income, if any, based on any injuries, damages and/or sickness that he/she may sustain as a result of riding in the Sheriff's vehicle.

As an additional consideration for allowing the **Releaser**, same being further designated as the undersigned, to ride the Sheriff's vehicle, he/she agrees to indemnify the Richland County Sheriff's Department, and the County of Richland, their legal representatives and assigns against any loss from any and all further claims, demands and actions at law or in equity that may hereafter, at any time, be made or brought by any other person, institution and/or corporation of agency of a government for damages on account of any future injuries or other damages sustained in consequence of the above describes accommodation on the part of the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

The consideration stated herein is contractual and the **Releaser** executes and delivers this **Release** after being fully informed of its terms, contents and effects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Releaser** has executed this release on the _____ day of _____, in the year **20____**.

_____   _____
Print Name of **RELEASER**   Date of Birth of **RELEASER**

_____   _____
Driver's License #   Address

_____   _____
Social Security #   City, State, Zip

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____   _____
                                                      Signature of RELEASER

Email: _____   Region /division you wish to ride: _____

NOTE: **if you are requesting approval for multiple ride-a-longs, please complete the following:**

I am requesting approval for multiple ride-a-longs for the period beginning _____to _____. (Requests may not exceed (3) month time span).

SWORN before me this, the _____ day of _____, 20___.

_____   _____
Notary Public for South Carolina   My Commission Expires

Instructions to the Releaser: Please complete this form and return it to the Desk Sergeant or approved representative at the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Upon the Sheriff's review/approval, you will be notified by a representative of the Richland County Sheriff's Department and arrangements will be made to coordinate your ride with a Deputy. You will need to pick up a copy of your approved release form from a representative of the Richland County Sheriff's Department prior to your scheduled ride-a-long. This form must be given to the Deputy you ride with prior to entering a Sheriff's Department vehicle. Your identity will be verified by the Deputy you are scheduled to ride with.

****************************_ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY_*********************

APPROVED: _____   DATE: _____
LEON LOTT, SHERIFF of RICHLAND COUNTY

1. Background Check completed   _____
2. Review/Approval by Sheriff   _____
3. Coordinate with Releaser issued a copy of approved form   _____
4. Ride-a-long scheduled for (date) _____ at (time) _____
5. Region/Person notified _____ (Date/time) _____
6. Copy of Release left at _____ (Date/Time) _____
7. ***Note to Deputy participating in ride-a-long:*** review the above information and verify the identity of the releaser. Obtain their copy of the release and file with your region upon completion of ride.