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CIVILIAN OBSERVER PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	SSN
ALIASES/BIRTH NAME	SEX	RACE	DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE #	WORK PHONE #	MESSAGE PHONE #	
EMERGENCY CONTACT			EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE #
EMPLOYER INFORMATION			
EMPLOYER NAME			EMPLOYER PHONE #
APPLICANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION			
Briefly explain why you want to participate in the Sheriffs Office Civilian Observer Program:			
Have you ever been convicted of a felony in Arizona or convicted of a crime that would be a felony if committed in Arizona? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the last twelve months? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Are you currently involved in any type of criminal proceeding? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, explain. _____			

Is there a specific time you wish to ride, area in which you wish to ride, or officer with whom you wish to ride? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, please explain. _____			

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY		
ACIC/NCIC <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials: _____	Date: _____
RECORDS <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials: _____	Date: _____
Approved by: _____		Date: _____

**CIVILIAN OBSERVER PROGRAM
GENERAL RELEASE**

I, _____, in consideration of being able to observe police operations and functions of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office by riding in a county vehicle operated by members of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, and any and all other means of observing police operations and functions, hereby release and agree to hold harmless the County of Yuma, the Yuma County Sheriff, it's employees and agents for any damage or injury I may receive while in or upon said motor vehicle or while accompanying any Yuma County Sheriff's Office officer in the performance of their duties, regardless of the cause of such damage or injury, whether through negligence or otherwise.

This release of liability and agreement given by myself to the County of Yuma, the Yuma County Sheriff, it's employees and agents, shall apply to any right of action that might accrue to myself, my heirs, riding in or upon a Yuma County Sheriff's Office motor vehicle, and accompanying Yuma County Sheriff's Office officers and agents in the performance of their duties. I am fully aware that personal risk may be involved.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all rules and regulations that apply to me as a civilian observer/participant in the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Civilian Observer Program. I also certify that I meet all qualifications required for participation in the program. I understand that misrepresentation or falsification of any requested information, or failing to comply with all rules/regulations can result in the refusal by the Yuma County Sheriff's Office to permit my participation in the Civilian Observer Program.

I am over 18 years of age and do not require a parent or guardian signature to permit my participation in this program.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

FOR MINORS:

Permission is hereby granted for minor listed above to participate in the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Civilian Observer Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

State of Arizona
County of Yuma

On this _____ day of _____, 20____ personally appeared before me _____ whose identity I proved on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the signer(s) of the above instrument, and they acknowledged that they executed it.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Observers shall abide by the following rules and regulations. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations will result in the Observer's removal from the patrol vehicle and all further requests to participate in the Program will be denied.

1. **No Firearms:** No firearms or weapons of any kind may be carried by an observer. An Arizona Post Certified Peace officer who is currently employed by another law enforcement agency may carry their standard service sidearm.
2. **Terminating the Ride:** The ride may be terminated at the discretion of the officer of supervisor for any reason. Observers may request that the ride be terminated and the officer will comply as soon as practical under the circumstances.
3. **No Involvement in Enforcement:** Observers shall not become involved in any law enforcement situation unless they are directed to do so by the officer. Observers will comply with the officer's instructions at all times to ensure the safety of the observer, the officer and others.
4. **Proper Attire:** Observers shall be neat, well-groomed and properly attired during the observation ride. All Observers shall wear sports shirts or blouses with collars, and appropriate pants or trousers. Denim jeans may be worn if they are clean and without holes, tears or patches. The officer with whom the Observer is riding may refuse to allow an Observer to ride if the officer determines that the Observer is inappropriately dressed.
5. **Proper Conduct:** If the officer with whom the Observer is riding determines that the Observer is impaired due to the consumption of alcohol or other substances, the officer may refuse to permit the Observer to participate in the program.
6. **Confidentiality:** All information, either visual, oral or written, obtained by the Observer as a result of his/her participation in the program is confidential. Observers will not disseminate, disclose, broadcast or publish such information. Breach of such confidentiality may result in criminal or civil sanctions.
7. **Boat Patrol Ride Along:** All Observers requesting to ride with a boat patrol officer must be able to swim and must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device which will be provided by the Department.
8. **Scheduling Rides/Check-in:** All rides must be scheduled with the Patrol Shift Supervisor at least 48 hours in advance of the ride. Observers should be at the Office at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ride-along time. Observers who elect to ride with a boating officer/an officer in an outlying area should be at the outlying sub-station at least 15 minutes prior to the ride-along time.
9. **Limited Number of Observation Rides:** Observers are limited to six (6) observation rides during a twelve (12) month period, not to exceed two (2) rides per month.