

MIDDLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
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POLICE OBSERVER REQUEST AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The Middleton Police Department has established a Police Observer Program designed to afford interested citizens an opportunity to witness first hand the routine duties and activities of a police department. We believe this experience will be beneficial and enlightening, and encourage participation in the program. In the interest of public safety and the efficient operation of the Department, the rules and guidelines set forth below must be strictly adhered to and participation should be limited to two four hour observation periods per year.

NAME _____
Last First MI

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Reason for Request _____

Date/Time Requested _____

You will be notified, by phone, if approved. Allow 10 days.

RULES:

1. Observers shall be under the immediate and direct control of the officer to which they are assigned and must obey that officer's direction at all times.
2. Dress appropriately; avoid jeans, sweatshirts, sandals, etc.
3. Observers are not to engage in any police activity unless expressly directed to do so by an officer.
4. Observers are not to be armed with any manner of weapon.
5. Observers are to be identified upon request as observers and in no way are to be identified as having any police power.
6. If at any time during an observation period, the responsible officer or the officer in charge determine that it is appropriate to terminate the observer's participation, the observer must immediately comply.
7. Cameras and tape recorders must be cleared in advance.

WAIVER

The undersigned does herewith voluntarily request permission to participate in the Middleton Police Department's Police Observer Program which includes permission to ride as a passenger/observer in vehicles owned and operated by said department and certified that the undersigned has read the above rules, understands said rules and agrees to abide by said rules. Further, recognizing the inherent risk involved in police work, the undersigned herewith releases the City of Middleton, its agents, employees and personal representatives from any claim for personal injury or property damage suffered by the undersigned as a result of participation in the Police Observer Program and assigns for the undersigned, the undersigned's heirs and personal representatives any liability or claim resulting from said participation should this request be granted.

Approved: _____

Observer's Signature Date

Sgt: _____

Parent (Observer Under 18) Date

Okay For: _____

Officer Date

Advised: _____

Officer/Shift Commander Checklist

	1	A completed application with a signed waiver is in hand before permitting a ride-along. The consent and signature of a parent or guardian is required for persons under the age of 18 years of age.
	2	The observer is properly attired, unarmed (law enforcement officers excepted), issued observer identification, and assigned to an employee with permanent status.
	3	The observer is notified that they are strictly an observer and are not authorized to engage in any police activity, unless expressly directed to do so by an officer.
	4	Even if cameras or recording devices are cleared, notify the observer that recording images, audio, or video where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy is prohibited.
	5	Discuss with the observer and assigned officer what the observer should do if left-off due to the potential hazard of a pending police activity, or they otherwise become separated.
Form should be returned to Community Awareness Sergeant for filing. For Policy See 8.2.01		