

**RELEASE, WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am signing this Release, Waiver, Assumption of Risk and Indemnification Agreement for myself or for the named minor (when participant is under age 18) in exchange for the opportunity and privilege of participating with and observing an officer and/or employee of Genoa Township on township property or in a Township-owned or Township-used vehicle or otherwise accompanying a Township officer, official, employee or agent in the course of his duty or her duty, and for other good and valuable consideration, and I am fully aware and understand that certain risks and dangers exist in being involved in this activity, including the possibility of accident, personal injury, and/or damage. For myself and the participant, I hereby (1) expressly assume the risk of damages and injuries resulting from such activity, (2) release and waive any and all rights, claims, demands, damages, costs, compensation, actions or causes of action, including, without limitation, those caused by negligence, breach of contract, strict liability or otherwise, of Genoa Township and its officers, officials, employees and agents arising from, out of, or in any way connected with such activity, and (3) agree to indemnify and hold harmless Genoa Township and it's officers, officials, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, including, but not limited to, attorneys fees, of any person arising out of or in any way connected with this activity. I further consent for myself, or for the participant for whom I sign (if under 18 years of age) to emergency medical treatment in the event of injury or illness while participating in this activity.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that the participant will not be an employee of Genoa Township while engaged in such activity, nor will the participant be entitled to the benefits and protections of law afforded to employees. By my signature, I also give permission for GTPD to run a background check if participant is an adult.

By signing this document, I certify that I am competent to execute this release, I have read this release, and I understand its terms and effect; I understand that the activity in which I or the named minor wish to participate involves substantial and unique risks, and I voluntarily agree to assume all of this responsibility, risk and liability in accordance with the terms hereof, for myself, the named minor (if applicable) and for my heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, and other personal representatives.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- (1) Please read the attached Ride-Along policy before completing form. It is yours to keep.
- (2) Complete all applicable blanks on this form with attention to detail, especially regarding parental information if rider is a juvenile.
- (3) Purpose for riding:  interest in law enforcement  
 career day  intern  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) The day(s) and time(s) you would prefer to ride:  

	Day (date)	Starting Time:
1st choice:	_____	_____
2nd choice:	_____	_____
- (5) A phone number where we may contact you in the next 72 hours:  

Area Code	Phone Number
- (6) PRINT name of a contact person & phone # we could contact in case of emergency:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**↑ Signature of Participant ↑**

Participant's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Print** Name and Address of Participant:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE SECTION BELOW IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**\*Signature of Parent/Guardian**  
**Print** Name, Address & Phone of Parent/Guardian/Contact:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Print** Minor Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Completed by GTPD Office Staff: Copy of DL or ID? yes no*

**Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Start & End Time/Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

## **RIDE-ALONG POLICY**

### **C12.01 Purpose**

The purpose of the “Citizen Ride-Along” is to provide interested citizens with the opportunity to observe the daily operations of the Genoa Township Police Department and the types of tasks performed by its officers.

### **C12.02 Policy**

It is the policy of the Genoa Township Police Department to welcome interested citizens over eighteen (18) years of age to ride with uniformed officers to observe the work and activities performed by the officers and receive comments and suggestions from participants regarding their impression of the department.

### **C12.03 Procedure**

#### **A. Ride-Along Requests**

1. Citizens who wish to participate in the “Citizen Ride-Along Program” must submit a written request at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance to the department for consideration. The department representative shall:
  - a. Review the policy with the applicant;
  - b. Receive the written application;
  - c. Have the citizen read and sign a written release and waiver to submit with the application;
  - d. Notify the citizen they are subject to being called as a witness regarding their observations while participating in the program;
  - e. Forward the application to the Chief of Police for approval.
  - f. Provide the citizen with a copy of the Release and Waiver and copy of this resolution upon approval of the application.
2. The identity of the applicant should be verified and a criminal

record  
check and outstanding warrants or protection order check shall  
be  
conducted on each prospective participant prior to approval by  
Chief of Police.

3. Ride-Along participation is limited to eight (8) hour sessions,  
twice  
per year, unless otherwise approved by the Chief of Police.
4. Requests for participation may be denied, or privileges canceled  
for  
the following reasons:
  - a. The applicant has a criminal record;
  - b. The applicant is currently under a court ordered  
protection  
order;
  - c. Excessive participation in the program;
  - d. Prior problems with the participants, for example:
    1. Inappropriate dress or poor hygiene;
    2. Discourteous behavior or foul language;
    3. Disobeying or contradicting a police officer's  
orders;
    4. Finding a concealed weapon or contraband  
substance;
    5. Consumption of any alcoholic beverage or  
controlled  
substance.
  - e. Any act deemed irresponsible or disrespectful by the  
assigned officer.

B. Ride-Along Participation

1. Participants are required to be dressed and groomed in  
appropriate  
attire upon reporting for the ride-along program.

2. Participants shall report to the police department at the assigned starting time and will be assigned to an officer.
3. Participants shall follow all instructions and directions given by the assigned officer and shall not interfere with the officer's duties or investigations, including:
  - a. Conversing with victim, suspects, or witnesses;
  - b. Handling evidence or police practice equipment unless otherwise directed;
  - c. Questioning the officer or police practice while the officer is engaged in performing police duties.
4. Participants shall not enter prohibited areas within Police Department headquarters.

C. Officer Responsibilities

1. For safety reasons, officers with ride-along participants in their vehicles should not unduly place the participant in physical jeopardy, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Officer received information requiring response to inherently dangerous situations (such as bank robbery; robbery in progress/ crime in progress.
  - b. If the officer perceives that a situation may become dangerous, at the earliest opportunity the officer shall require the Ride-Along participant to exit the vehicle at a safe location, if possible.
  - c. As soon as practicable, transportation shall be provided for the Ride-Along participant.
  - d. Officers may require ride-along participants to remain in the vehicle due to the nature of a call.