

**RIDE ALONG INFORMATION
AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FOR ADULT**

NAME:

Last: _____ First: _____

Middle Initial: _____

ADDRESS:

Number: _____ Street Name: _____

Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ - _____ - _____

DRIVERS LICENSE #: _____ **STATE:** _____ **RACE:** _____

SEX: M or F

- 1. Prospective adult ride along candidates must be at least 18 years of age and must provide state issued identification or a driver's license at the time of application.**
- 2. All ride alongs will be assigned to a Unit and Officer by the Law Enforcement Division Recruitment Coordinator. Participation in the program is restricted to one (1) ride along per observer every 6 months.**
- 3. The main purpose of the SCDNR's Law Enforcement ride along program is to give an overall view of a Game Warden's duties.**
- 4. Ride alongs will not be granted unless the request is received at least 48 hours prior to the intended ride.**
- 5. All applications must be reviewed and approved by the Law Enforcement Division Recruitment Coordinator prior to scheduled ride along date.**
- 6. Observers are prohibited from recording, broadcasting, streaming, or otherwise creating any video or audio documentation during a ride along, whether overtly or covertly, without the express written authorization of the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement / Colonel or a designee.**

Observer's Initials: _____

AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OF INJURY OR DAMAGE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2024 between _____ (Observer), whose current address is _____, _____, South Carolina 29____, and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division (SCDNR), an agency of the State of South Carolina, whose principal office is located at 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

Observer, being over the age of 18 and not being a sworn officer with SCDNR, has made a voluntary request to ride as an unarmed observer in a SCDNR to accompany a member(s) of the Law Enforcement Division during the performance of their official duties as a Game Warden. Observer understands and acknowledges that the ride along is strictly voluntary, and that Observer is not an employee of SCDNR.

By signing below, Observer does hereby agree to the following:

1. I, observer, accept and understand that the work of SCDNR is inherently dangerous, and that I may be subjected to potential risks from environmental conditions, including but not limited to the threat of death or personal injury, damage to personal property, rigorous activities, exposure to wildlife and insects, vehicles, boats, equipment, tools, weapons, allergens, first aid or medical treatment for injuries, hunting and fishing activities, unlawful acts or forcible resistance by law violators, assault, riot, breach of peace, fire, explosion, gas, electrocution, and/or the escape of radioactive substance and others over which SCDNR may or may not have any control. I freely, voluntarily and with such knowledge assume these potential risks arising from, or in any way connected with accompanying a member(s) of the Law Enforcement Division during the performance of their official duties. Taking into consideration my personal health, I acknowledge that I have the ultimate responsibility to determine whether I can safely participate in the ride along.
2. Acknowledging the potential risks and by entering into this agreement, I release SCDNR, all members of the SCDNR Law Enforcement Division, and their sureties, from any liability or responsibility in connection with any personal injury or property damage, loss or expense, incurred while riding in any SCDNR vehicles, or while accompanying any member(s) of said Department during the performance of their official duties. I understand that I am subject to both the benefits and limitations of the South Carolina Tort Claims Act pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §8-25-40 and the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 56-9-10, et. seq.
3. I agree for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to defend and indemnify the SCDNR, all members of the SCDNR Law Enforcement Division, and their sureties, against any and all manner of actions, suits, debts, claims demands or damages or liability or expense of every kind of nature incurred or arising as a result of my conduct while riding in any SCDNR vehicle and/or while accompanying any member(s) of SCDNR Law Enforcement Division during the performance of their official duties.

Observer's Initials: _____

By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand and agree to be bound to these terms. Additionally, I warrant that I am eighteen (18) years old or more and competent to contract in my own name, or if not, that my legal guardian has signed this Agreement below. This Agreement is binding upon me and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives. **I also declare that I have read and will abide by the instructions for ride-a-long observers** and received a copy of the same if requested.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Printed Name: _____

Have you ever been fingerprinted? Yes _____ No _____

Reason _____

Purpose of ride-along:

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

A record check of the ride-a-long applicant listed above was completed by:

_____ On _____

Signature of DNR employee Date

1. Local: None Found _____ Copy Attached _____

2. NCIC: None Found _____ Copy Attached _____

Assigned to: _____

Time/Shift: _____

Week Day: _____

Signature of Law Enforcement Division Recruitment Coordinator:

Date: _____