

**CITIZEN OBSERVER AGREEMENT
POLSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The primary objective of the Citizen Ride Program in the Polson Police Department is to acquaint members of this community with department operations, personnel, and duties. Officers will attempt to answer questions you may have about our functions and responsibilities. The following rules apply.

1. Each citizen observer must sign a Waiver of Liability form before ride. See back of this form.
2. Rides may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the officer on duty in case of an emergency.
3. No tape/video recorders will be permitted.
4. For the safety of the public, no citizen observer is allowed to carry any concealed or unconcealed weapon. Exceptions may be made for sworn peace officers upon the authorization of the shift supervisors.
5. Citizen observers will not involve themselves in any call, response or investigation without the direction of the sworn officer.
6. All citizen observers will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times.
7. All citizen observers are advised that the public has the right to privacy. This right shall be respected as to what is seen and heard. All citizen observers will maintain this confidentiality.
8. The officer shall not pick up citizen observers at their homes.

Any violation of this policy may result in immediate termination of a ride and/or any further participation.

I understand and agree with this policy as a condition of being a citizen observer.

SIGNATURE _____

NAME _____ **DATE OF BIRTH** _____
ADDRESS _____ **PHONE NUMBER** _____
I WISH TO RIDE(date) _____ **AT(time)** _____

DATE/TIME RECEIVED BY POLSON POLICE DEPT. _____

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

WHEREAS, I _____, (being, not over the age of 18 and not being a member of the Polson Police Department), have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to the Polson Police Department during the performance of their official duties, and

WHEREAS, the Polson Police Department is willing to allow me to ride as a guest in a vehicle assigned to that department and to accompany a member(s) of the department during the performance of their duties on the following conditions:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the permission given to me to ride in a vehicle assigned to the Polson Police Department and to accompany a member(s) of said department during the performance of their official duties, I do hereby agree:

1. That I am aware that the work of the Polson Police Department is inherently dangerous and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or damage to my property by accompanying a member(s) of the Polson Police Department during the performance of their official duties and that I freely, voluntarily, and with such knowledge assume the risk of death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or in any way connected with the use of weapons; unlawful acts or forcible resistance by law violators or suspected law violators, assault, riot, breach of the peace, fire, explosion, gas, electrocution, or the escape of radioactive substances while accompanying a member(s) of the Polson Police Department during the performance of their official duties.
2. That the Polson Police Department, his sureties, all members of the Polson Police Department, their sureties, and each of them, shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss or expense either to me or my property, incurred while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Polson Police Department or while accompanying any member(s) of said department during the performance of their official duties and resulting from any negligent act or omission on the part of any member(s) of the Polson Police Department.
3. For myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns to defend and indemnify the Polson Police of Polson Montana, all members of the Polson Police Department, their sureties and each of them, against any and all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, or damages or liability or expense of every kind and nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission or mine while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Polson Police Department or while accompanying any member(s) of said department during the performance of their official duties.

I HEREBY REPRESENT THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND SIGN THE SAME OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

DATED: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ AGE _____
WITNESS: _____

(Parent or Guardian if minor)

(Officer's signature)