



Black Diamond Police Department

Civilian Rider Application & Waiver

A civilian rider is any person not commissioned as a police officer who rides in a police vehicle for the purpose of observing patrol activities. It is the policy of the Department to allow civilian riders so that interested persons may better understand the police and their function. By applying for a civilian ride, you agree to allow the BDPD to run a personal *Records and Wants Check*, and a *Criminal History Check*. All applications must be approved by the Police Commander. Civilian riders must sign a *Rider Waiver* on the date of the ride, prior to riding in the patrol vehicle. Persons interested in participating as civilian riders must apply to the Department at least 72 hours prior to the time they desire to ride.

- A sergeant or his designee shall schedule all civilian riders prior to the commencement of the ride.
- No civilian rider may ride more than two times in a calendar year (1x – 6 months) without approval of the Chief of Police.
- No pictures, audio or video tape recordings, or weapons are allowed without prior approval by the Chief of Police. Any special requests must be submitted to the Chief of Police in writing.
- Riders are expected to be properly attired: T-shirts, sweat-pants, shorts, etc. are not permitted. Riders are responsible for their own meal expenses.
- Approval of civilian riders is subject to current workloads and events.
- Civilian riders must be 16 years of age or older unless authorized by the Chief of Police.

Legal Name	<i>last</i> <i>first</i> <i>mi</i>			DOB	
<input type="checkbox"/> male	<input type="checkbox"/> female	Driver's License Number		State Issued	
Address					
Home Phone		Alternative Phone			
Have you ever been arrested?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	If yes, list type of arrest, date of arrest, and disposition		

Reason requesting ride					
Desired date and time					
Signature of rider			Signature of parent/guardian if rider is under 18 years of age.		

Stop here. Pending approval, you will be required to sign the *Civilian Rider Waiver* on the back of this form.

For Office Use Only						
NCIC		Local		DOL		CHRI
Approval of Sergeant/Commander					Date	
Date/Time of Ride				Officer Assigned		

Civilian Ride-Along Agreement Assuming Risk of Injury or Damage Waiver and Release of All Claims

This waiver must be signed on the *date of the ride* or it will not be accepted.

For and in consideration of being permitted to ride in a *Black Diamond Police Department* vehicle as a passenger or observer, and in acknowledgement of the fact that the work and activities of said law enforcement department are inherently dangerous involving possible risk of injury, death, damage, expense, or loss to person or property and further in acknowledgement that said law enforcement department did not take the initiative in extending an invitation to ride or accompany its members, I, my heirs, assigns or other successors in interest for myself, do hereby release and forever discharge the *City of Black Diamond*, its police department, officers, agents, employees, agencies, and all other departments from any and all liability for all existing and future claims, damages, and causes of action of any nature whatsoever known or unknown including but not limited to negligence which I may have or which may bring injury to me as a result of being said *City of Black Diamond*, its police department, officer, agents, employees, agencies, and all other departments for personal injuries, death, loss of service, property damage or medical expenses of whatever nature, which might arise during or as a result of my accompanying the *City of Black Diamond* police officer as a passenger in their vehicle or as an observer of the performance of their official duties.

Signature of Rider or Parent/ Guardian on Behalf of Rider		Date	
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Guardian Permission and Signature Required for Civilian Riders Under 18 Years of Age

I _____, parent/guardian of _____, give my permission for the above-named applicant to ride in a *City of Black Diamond Police Department* vehicle as an observer.

Signature of Parent/Guardian		Date	
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Civilian Rider Orientation & Instructions

To be completed at the police department or place of pick up prior to the time of ride

Officer Check Off

- The rider has received instructions in the use of the Patrol radio.
- The rider knows how to open the trunk.
- The rider knows the location of the first aid kit.
- The rider knows the location of the fire extinguisher and has been instructed in its use.
- The rider knows the location of flares and how to ignite them. (Rider will not place flares unless specifically instructed by the officer.)
- The rider has been instructed to remain within the patrol vehicle unless permission is otherwise granted by the officer.
- The rider has been instructed to wear the seat-shoulder belt at all times.
- The rider will not become involved in any investigation, handling of evidence, discussions with victims or suspects, or handling any police equipment.
- The rider has been instructed not to engage in any conversation with violators or prisoners other than general courtesies.
- The rider has been informed that if the officer is responding to any known dangerous situation, the rider may be let out prior to arrival at the situation and communications will be advised so transportation arrangements can be made for rider.
- The rider has been informed that in any situation where an officer encounters violator resistance or becomes involved in an altercation, the rider's responsibility will be to solicit assistance via the radio or other means and take all necessary measures to protect himself/herself.
- The ride-along may terminate at any time and the officer may return the observer to their home or to the station if the ride-along interferes with the performance of the officer's duties.
- Riders may be allowed to continue riding during the transportation and booking process provided this does not jeopardize their safety.

- The rider has been instructed to obey all commands given by the officer.

- The rider has been instructed that any information received or actions observed during a ride-along that pertains to specific individuals, and is confidential in nature, shall not be revealed to anyone outside the Department without specific authorization from the Department. (This would include, but is not limited to: Criminal activity, records, medical history, or other sensitive information.)
- The officer has advised dispatch that a rider is in the vehicle and the expected length of ride.
- Rider has been advised no pictures, videos or weapons are allowed without prior approval.
- Cellular phones may be used *only* for emergencies.
- The *Civilian Ride-Along Agreement* form is signed by the rider.

Officer Name		ID #		Date	
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By signing this document, the rider has read completely and understands the Civilian Rider Application, the Liability Waiver and the orientation and instructions above and agrees to abide fully by all the regulations described therein.

Rider Signature		Date	
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