



Tampa Police Department Citizen Observer Agreement



Activities beginning on the date of: _____ and ending on the date of: _____

Whereas, the undersigned has voluntarily elected to ride as a passenger in a vehicle of the City of Tampa, Police Department and to accompany officers of said Police Department while engaged in the performance of their duties, to study and observe for his/her own benefit the functions and operations of the Tampa Police Department and its personnel, and

Whereas, the undersigned desires to do so at his/her own risk and recognizing the possible and inherent danger to his/her person and property resulting therefrom, and

Whereas, the Tampa Police Department and the City of Tampa do not wish to be liable for any damages arising from personal injuries and/or property damage sustained.

Therefore, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable considerations, the undersigned does hereby, for himself/herself, spouse, heirs, executor or administrator, and personal representatives:

1. Assume full responsibility for any personal injury or damage to his/her person or property which may occur directly, or indirectly while in, on or about any such Tampa Police Department vehicle, the Tampa Police Department Headquarters, or any city owned or leased property, or while accompanying any officer of the Tampa Police Department while in the performance of his/her duties.
2. Fully and forever release and discharge the Tampa Police Department and City of Tampa, its agents and employees in both their official and individual capacities, from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of actions, or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of the undersigned's being in, on or about any such Tampa Police Department vehicle, or at any or all of the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any officer of the Police Department as aforesaid.
3. Indemnify and hold harmless the Tampa Police Department and the City of Tampa, its agents and employees in both their official and individual capacities for acts or conduct of the undersigned of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such Tampa Police Department vehicle, or at any or all of the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such officer as aforesaid.
4. Agree to defend and to pay any costs or attorney's fees as a result of any action brought by or against the City of Tampa Police Department and/or City of Tampa, its agents and employees, for any acts or conduct of the undersigned of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on or about any such Tampa Police Department vehicles, or at any or all of the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such officer as aforesaid.
5. Agree not to record any information with video and/or audio or disseminate information without the consent of the Tampa Police Department. This includes any post or blog(s) of any commentary, information or photographs about the Tampa Police Department or City of Tampa, which were obtained during the aforesaid activities, on any social networking sites including, but not limited to, Facebook, Linked In, Twitter and Instagram. The Undersigned agrees that he/she has been made aware that any such post or blog(s) may violate Florida's public records laws, interfere or obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation and may subject the poster to criminal and/or civil sanctions.
6. Agree that it is the intent of the undersigned that this Release and Indemnity Agreement be in full force and effect at any time after the execution hereof.
7. Citizen observers will adhere to the department's dress code guidelines. Attire shall have a business-like appearance that projects a professional image to the public. Casual clothing such as jeans, sundresses, T-shirts, shirts with graphics or writing, or ultra-dressy apparel will not be worn.
8. Agree not to possess a weapon or firearm while participating in the Citizen Observer Program.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____