POLICE RIDE-A-LONG PROGRAM REQUEST FORM AND WAIVER

I, the undersigned, hereby have voluntarily elected to ride as a passenger in a Departmental vehicle of the Coppin State University Police Department, at such times and in such areas as may be approved by the Chief of Police or his designated representative. I understand that the police vehicle will be engaged in normal police patrol and law enforcement activities, some of which may be dangerous and expose passengers to risk or harm. I acknowledge this risk of harm and voluntarily accept it, hereby releasing the Coppin State University, the Coppin State University Police Department, the individual officers and employees of the Coppin State University from any liability which might result from my Participation in this program. I give permission to have my background checked for criminal history.

WHEREAS, the undersigned desires to do so at his own risk and recognizing he possible and inherent danger to his person and property resulting therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the Coppin State University and the State of Maryland does not wish to be liable for any damages arising from personal injuries and/or property damage sustained;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned does hereby, for himself (or herself), his wife, (or husband), heirs, executor or administrator, and personal representatives:

I, assume full responsibility for any personal injury or damage to his person or property which may occur, directly, or indirectly, while in, on or about any such Police Department vehicle, the Police Department premises or any part thereof at the Coppin State University Police Department Headquarters Building or the Baltimore City Courthouse, or at any of the several District station houses of the Baltimore Police Department, or while accompanying any Coppin State University Police Officer in the performance of their duties.

2. Fully and forever release and discharge Coppin State University and the State of Maryland, its agents and employees, from any and all claims, demands, damages rights of action, 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 Police Department vehicle, or at any or all of the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any police officers of Coppin State University aforesaid:

3. Indemnify and hold harmless the Coppin State University and the State of Maryland, 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 Police Department Vehicle, or at any or all of the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such police 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 Coppin State University or the State of Maryland, 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 Police Department vehicles, or at any or all of the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such police officer as aforesaid; and

5. 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.

Signature of Applicant: __________________________

Date: __________________________
Coppin State University Police Department Internship Program

Ride-Along Rules & Regulations

1. No person shall be allowed to ride without having submitted a signed ride-along request and waiver form. Refusal to complete this form, or false statements of any nature on same, will disqualify that person from participation in the program. The request to ride form must be turned in to the Police Department prior to the first requested date of participation.

2. Civilian ride-along will be allowed to ride no more than once every six months, without prior approval of the patrol commander.

3. Participants must obey the orders and instructions given by the officer to whom they are assigned.

4. Participants must not leave the patrol vehicle unless instructed to do so by the officer.

5. When the patrol unit is assigned to a dangerous call, the rider may be dropped off at a safe location and he/she must remain there until the officer or another police unit returns to pick him/her up.

6. The rider will provide his/her own transportation to and from the Police Department.

7. Background checks will be conducted on all applicants.

8. Ride along tours usually last four (4) hour; however, either the officer or the rider may terminate the tour at any time. The Sergeant/OIC will be advised of early termination.

9. Applicants will be notified by the Police Department after filing the written application request form. At that time, the ride will be scheduled and/or confirmed, or denied.

10. The applicant's participation is a privilege and not a right. The basic premise of the ride along program is to establish rapport with the police and learn about the functions of law enforcement.

11. Participants shall not converse with any prisoners, suspects, victims or witnesses nor shall they participate in any police activity unless directly requested by officers.

12. All participants must agree not to discuss names of persons involved in police cases or incidents. The observer will be considered a confidant of the Police Department and it is essential that all matters pertaining to evidence or statements gathered in investigations be held confidential.

13. Tape recorders and cameras will not be permitted while participating in the program, unless express permission is granted by the Operations Lieutenant.

14. By signing the waiver for the ride along participant agrees to the rules and regulations listed above.