



*Kern County Sheriff's Office*  
**Policies and Procedures**

<b>TITLE: CIVIL CLAIMS</b>		<b>NO: J-1100</b>	
<b>APPROVED: Donny Youngblood, Sheriff-Coroner</b>			
<b>EFFECTIVE:</b> <b>August 1, 1990</b>	<b>REVIEWED:</b> 6/1/2018	<b>REVISED:</b> 4/1/1996	<b>UPDATED:</b> 6/1/2018

**POLICY**

Personnel employed by the Kern County Sheriff's Office will not encourage claims against the County of Kern or the Sheriff's Office. Further, Sheriff's personnel will not express to the public, opinions or comments regarding the validity, content, size or settlement of claims or pending litigation.

**PROCEDURE**

Any member who receives a request for information from any person regarding filing a civil claim against the Sheriff's Office or the County of Kern will provide the following:

- Claims must generally be filed within specified time limits;
  - Within six (6) months after the accrual of the cause of a claim relating to a death, injury to a person, injury to personal property, or growing crops;
  - Within one (1) year after the accrual of the cause of action for a claim relating to any cause of action.
- Claims must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at:

1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, California 93301
- The claim must be presented by the claimant or by a person acting on his/her behalf and must show:
  - The name and post office address of claimant;
  - The post office address to which the person presenting the claim desires notice to be sent;
  - The date, place and other circumstances of the occurrence of transaction which gave rise to the claim asserted;
- A general description of the indebtedness, obligation, injury, damage or loss incurred insofar as it may be known at the time of presentation of the claim;

- The name or names of the public employee or employees causing the injury, damage, or loss, if known;
- The amount claimed as of the date of presentation of the claim, including the estimated amount of any prospective injury, damage, or loss, insofar as it may be known at the time of the presentation of the claim, together with the basis of computation of the amount claimed;
- The Sheriff's Office does not accept, deny, nor otherwise judge legality of any possible claims. This information is offered as general information on claims and is not designed to encompass all circumstances. For legal advice, please consult an attorney.

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**KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
RIDE ALONG PROGRAM REQUEST**

**AIR SUPPORT**     **UNIFORM PATROL**     **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)			DATE OF BIRTH
ADDRESS (NUMBER, STREET, CITY)			DAY TELEPHONE NUMBER
OCCUPATION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	OTHER TELEPHONE NUMBER
	*	*	
REASON FOR REQUESTING A RIDE ALONG:			
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN A RIDE - ALONG?			DATE OF LAST RIDE - ALONG

**Attach photocopy of your governmental picture identification card.**

\* Required only for aircraft ride-along.

**AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OF INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT. **CAUTION: PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING!!!**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, not being a member of the Sheriff's Office of the County of Kern, have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in an aircraft or vehicle assigned to the Kern County Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties. No member of the Sheriff's Office took the initiative respecting my opportunity for such ride. I freely contacted the Sheriff's Office and am under no compulsion from any source to ride in a Sheriff's aircraft or vehicle. I have not received compensation nor have I provided compensation to any charity, event, or entity, public or private, to participate in the ride along program. I know it has been emphasized to me that the work of the Sheriff's Office is inherently dangerous for any number of reasons, some of which are foreseeable and some of which are not, and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or damage to my property by accompanying a member or members of the Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties. **I UNDERSTAND THAT CIVILIANS ARE PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING WEAPONS WHILE RIDING AS AN OBSERVER.** I freely, voluntarily, with such knowledge assume the risk of death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or in any way connected with any cause or causes including, but not limited to the use of weapons, unlawful acts or forcible resistance by law violators, assault, riot, breach of the peace, fire, explosion, aircraft accidents or collisions, gas, electrocution, or the escape of radioactive substances while accompanying a member or members of the Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties. I furthermore am aware of the risk and freely and voluntarily assume the risk of **ANY PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN ANY PART OR DEGREE BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY ANY MEMBER OF THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PURSUANT TO MY REQUEST.**

## KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RIDE ALONG PROGRAM REQUEST

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)	DATE OF BIRTH

**I AGREE THAT:**

1. At all times I am participating as an observer of the Sheriff's Office. I shall obey the instructions of any of its members.
  
2. The County of Kern, its officers, agents, and employees, Donny Youngblood, Sheriff of the County of Kern, his sureties, all members of the Sheriff's Office of the County of Kern, their sureties, and each of them, shall not be responsible or liable for and I hereby release each and all from any responsibility or liability for any death, damage, loss or expense, either to me or my property, incurred or occurring while riding in any aircraft or vehicle assigned to the Kern County Sheriff's Office or while accompanying any member or members of said Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties **CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN ANY PART OR DEGREE BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY ANY MEMBER OF THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND COUNTY PERSONNEL WHO MAINTAIN COUNTY VEHICLES.**
  
3. I, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns will defend and indemnify the County of Kern, its officers, agents and employees, Donny Youngblood, Sheriff of Kern County, all members of the Kern County Sheriff's Office, their sureties and each of them, against all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, or damages or liability or expense of every kind of nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission of mine while riding in any aircraft or vehicle assigned to the Kern County Sheriff's Office or while accompanying any member or members of said Sheriff's Office during the performance of their official duties.

**CAUTION**

**READ THIS DOCUMENT IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING**

I hereby represent that I have carefully read and understand the contents of this document and sign the same of my own free will.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNED

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNED

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

DATE RECEIVED	APPROVED BY (SHERIFF/ CHIEF DEPUTY/COMMANDER OR ASU OIC)
DATE CONTACTED	DATE APPROVED
DATE SCHEDULED	DATE PARTICIPATED