Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Search and Rescue

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Name: _____Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____Home Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

I, _____, **not** being a member of the Kern County Sheriff's Department, have made a voluntary request to participate with the Mounted Search and Rescue Group, under the supervision of the Search and Rescue Group.

No member of the department initiated my participation in and I have freely consented to volunteering to participate with the Mounted Search and Rescue Group. I freely contacted the Sheriff's Department and am under no compulsion from any source to perform any duty thereto.

I know and it has been emphasized to me that the work of the Sheriff's Department is inherently dangerous, including but not limited to mounted search and rescue duty.

I further realize that in order to qualify to become a member of the Sheriff's Department Mounted Search and Rescue Group, I must first pass a proficiency evaluation in order to evaluate basic equestrian skills necessary for safely conducting search and rescue operations, the events of which include but are not limited to: aircraft, balls/balloons, chain saw, cross bridge, cross water, emergency lights, firecrackers, gunfire from horse, gunfire near horse, open and close gate, pony lead, pony led, riding double, side pass, tying-up, vehicles, weight drag, backing, five mile ride, flags, flares, jump, leading, plastic walk, walk down narrow trail and cross over. At no time shall the Sheriff's Department be responsible for damages or injuries to any member's horse or property during the time I am participating with the Mounted Search And Rescue Group.

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, gas, electrocution, or the escape of radioactive substances while accompanying a member or members of the Sheriff's Department during the performance of their official duties.

I furthermore am aware of the risk and freely, 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 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO MY REQUEST.

I AGREE THAT:

1. At all times while I am participating with the Mounted Search and Rescue Group of the Sheriff's Department, I shall obey the instructions of any of the department's members and/or Mounted Search And Rescue Group.

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 Department of Kern County, 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 injury, death, damage, loss or expense, either to me or my property, incurred or occurring while riding in any vehicle assigned to the Kern County Sheriff's Department or while accompanying any member or members of said department 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 DEPARTMENT ANY 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 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 of nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission of mine while I am participating with the Mounted Search and Rescue Group for the Kern County Sheriff's Department or while accompanying any member or members of the Kern County Sheriff's Department during the performance of their official duties.

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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.

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

Witness: _____