

The City of Alcoa, Tennessee
Volunteer Agreement and Release of Liability

I seek the opportunity to become a volunteer in the Alcoa Police Department's Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) Program for the City of Alcoa, Tennessee, and learn about municipal government functions through active participation in government activities. I understand that I will not be paid for my time or services, I am not officially an employee of the City of Alcoa, and I may not represent myself as anything other than a volunteer.

I understand that in the course of my work, I may obtain or be presented with confidential information, particularly during any work within the Alcoa Police Department. I agree to keep confidential any and all knowledge I may have regarding any cases, prisoners, victims, or any other information of any kind, including documents and information declared by law to be confidential including, without limitation, criminal investigation reports, photographs, fingerprint cards, records of convictions, and autopsy reports. I understand that violation of this agreement could jeopardize an investigation as well as the safety of myself and/or others. I will not discuss any aspect of the department's work with anyone other than police department personnel. I agree to indemnify the City of Alcoa and its employees for any judgment or settlement of a claim based upon the unauthorized release or dissemination of confidential documents or information by the undersigned.

I understand that only official representatives of the City of Alcoa are authorized to make statements to the media, and I agree not to make any statements to the media concerning information I have obtained during or as a result of my volunteer work.

I understand that I will be under the command and direction of the Alcoa Police Department. I will maintain a valid Tennessee driver's license and make the Volunteer Coordinator aware of any changes to the information provided in my application for a volunteer position in the Alcoa Police Department VIPS Program. I will complete all required training sessions, participate in VIPS meetings, and be available for non-law enforcement duties as delegated by the Alcoa Chief of Police to the best of my abilities. I have received a copy of the VIPS Handbook and will comply with the requirements and guidance therein to the best of my ability.

In consideration of this opportunity, I acknowledge, understand, and accept all risks that I may be exposed to during the course of my volunteer work, and I agree on behalf of myself, my family, and my heirs, to waive any and all claims, causes of action, and/or damages of any kind or nature, including but not limited to any unforeseen personal injury, including death, animal attack, or other losses or damages, against the City of Alcoa, Tennessee, its employees, agents, or Officers, which may arise out of or in connection with any aspect of my volunteer work for the City of Alcoa, Tennessee.

I am seeking the opportunity to become a volunteer for the City of Alcoa voluntarily, and no promises, agreements, or other inducements have been made. I understand that the City of Alcoa will rely on this statement by me, and that the terms of this agreement are contractual in nature, and specifically designed to protect the City of Alcoa, its employees, agents, and officers. I understand that I may terminate my agreement at any time and that the City may do the same.

I have read and understand the above statement. I have obtained any legal advice I may need prior to signing this document, and I sign this document freely and voluntarily.

Signed this _____ day of the month of _____, 20_____.

Signature

Name (Print)

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

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COUNTY OF BLOUNT }

On this _____ day of the month of _____, 20_____

Before me personally appeared _____,

Known to me to be the person names herein and who executed the foregoing VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY and who acknowledged to me that he/she knowingly and voluntarily executed the same.

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public: _____

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