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Kevin R. Tolson, Sheriff



2020 YCSO Bloodhound Seminar

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

To reduce the chance for the spread of COVID-19 and to seek out and destroy the potential hidden dangers caused by the virus, the York County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) has put in place the following preventative measures for the 2020 Bloodhound Seminar:

- Attendees will be screened daily for symptoms and exposure
- Attendees will wear masks when unable to socially distance
- Attendees will wash their hands thoroughly and often according to DHEC and CDC recommendations
- The number of attendees will be reduced to approximately 30
- There will not be "buffet style" breakfasts, lunches, and dinners as in years past
- Social distancing will be practiced by all participants throughout the seminar

The YCSO has put in place the aforementioned preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the **YCSO cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19.** Further, attending the 2020 Bloodhound Seminar could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the 2020 Bloodhound Seminar hosted by the YCSO and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the 2020 Bloodhound Seminar may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, YCSO employees, agents and volunteers.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my attendance at the 2020 Bloodhound Seminar or receipt of services from the YCSO ("Claims"). On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the YCSO, Sheriff Kevin R. Tolson, the YCSO's employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the YCSO, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after being present of the premises of the YCSO and/or receiving services from the YCSO.

Signature of Attendee

Date