



Ride Along Program

Rules of Conduct

General Conduct:

- Ride-alongs are limited to the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Under no circumstances will an observer stay overnight at a fire station.
- In the event of a safety or conduct concern, any member of the crew may ask observer to remove themselves from the scene to wait in a department vehicle.
- Observers are expected to act in a manner that reflects a positive image of the department.
- No firearms and/or other weapons permitted on city property at any time.
- No alcoholic beverage or drugs are permitted on city property.
- Use of tobacco products is strictly prohibited in any station or vehicle.
- At no time will observers be permitted to take pictures, video, or use any other audio/visual recording device while on an emergency scene.
- Observers will always wear a seatbelt while riding in department vehicles.
- Observers will treat private health information as strictly confidential.
- Observers will be responsible for bringing his/her own meals.
- The company officer may terminate the ride along at any time.

Dress and Appearance:

- Observers must be neat and clean in appearance. Personal hygiene and grooming must be acceptable to the shift Officer and/or Battalion Chief
- Observers will wear suitable attire.
 - Any person approved to ride along is required to be suitably dressed in collared shirt, blouse or jacket, slacks, and shoes. Riders will wear "business casual" type attire at a minimum. Sneakers, sandals, flip-flops or other open toed shoes are not allowed. Footwear should take in account the nature of our work environment.
 - Sport shirts, sweatshirts, sport team jackets, t-shirts, tank tops, shorts, capris, and ripped or torn blue jeans are not permitted. Hats and ball caps will not be worn in the fire apparatus. Jewelry and tattoos should comply with the Personal Appearance Standards Policy.
- If observer is dressed inappropriately on arrival, they will not be allowed to ride.
- Long hair will be pulled back and tied in a neat ponytail or bun style.

Health:

- The participant must be in good health and must not be suffering from any illness or injury, including cold, flu or respiratory infection on the day of the ride along.