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Ride Along Policies and Procedures

I. INTRODUCTION:

This Guideline is to establish the procedures for Superstition Fire & Medical District “ride-along” with duty crews for emergency and non-emergency activities.

II. DEFINITION

A “ride-along” shall be any person riding on a Superstition Fire & Medical District vehicle who is not an EMT Intern or a Superstition Fire & Medical District paid staff member.

III. REQUIREMENTS

- A. Any persons desiring to ride shall fill out the “Ride-Along Request” form obtainable at the Superstition Fire & Medical District Administration offices at 565 N. Idaho Road, Apache Jct., AZ 85119, or off our web site at www.sfmd.az.gov. The Fire Chief or his/her representative will review the completed form and forward to an appropriate Battalion Chief. No person shall ride without having first been given permission.
- B. Riders shall view the HIPAA presentation/test prior to approval to ride along on medical calls.
- C. All riders must have received and signed a "Ride-Along Agreement" prior to participation in the ride-along program. The assigned Captain will be responsible for ensuring that the form is completed and returned to fire administration.
- D. The ride-along program will operate between 0800-2100 hours, seven days a week.
- E. Participants MUST be a minimum of 16 years old to participate.
- F. Duty Battalion Chief (FIT or Acting BC) will assign the “ride-along” to a Captain, who will coordinate times and dates with the rider.
- G. Only one rider per station will be scheduled at a time.
- H. Riders will be under the supervision of the Captain at all times and the ride-along privilege may be immediately suspended or terminated at the Captain’s or Battalion Chief’s discretion.



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- I. Riders shall check in with the assigned Captain immediately upon arriving at the assigned station. Riders shall comply with all directions from the Fire District personnel while in the station. When directions are in conflict, the direction from the Captain shall be followed.
- J. The SFMD reserves the right to deny ride-along privileges to any person whose conduct and/or appearance becomes a detriment to the District.
- K. Pants (black, navy blue, or khaki colored) should be worn by all riders; no skirts or shorts. Collared shirts should be worn. Appropriate footwear should be worn (dark-colored heavy shoes or boots – no sandals, open top, sneakers, tennis, or running shoes).
- L. Failure of the rider to arrive at the scheduled time may result in loss of ride-along privileges.
- M. Riders are only allowed to observe operations and shall not participate with, or be a working member of the responding crew(s) except for special situations approved by a supervisor, who will then be responsible for the actions of the rider.
- N. Riders are to be instructed by the Captain in patient confidentiality and are not to discuss details of the patient's care (or personal details) with anyone not directly involved in that patient's care.
- O. Riders will be asked to review a copy of this guideline and agree to all the stipulations herein. Failure to agree to any of these terms will result in immediate denial of ride-along privileges.
- P. Riders must be able to function in such a way as to not encumber or impede the crew's operation or ability to respond or perform their duties in any way.