



Superstition Fire & Medical District

Ride-Along Rider Expectations and Policy

INTRODUCTION:

This policy establishes the Rider requirements for the Superstition Fire & Medical District's Ride-Along Program which allows members of the public to "ride-along" with duty crews as they respond to emergency and non-emergency activities.

POLICY

1. Participants must be a minimum of 18 years old.
2. Prior to scheduling their Ride Along, participants shall:
 - a. Review this policy.
 - b. Review the HIPAA presentation before scheduling their Ride Along.
 - c. Sign a Liability Waiver.
3. Once the participant has scheduled their Ride Along date, they will be contacted by the SFMD Ride Along Liaison who will confirm the date and location of the Ride Along.
4. If the Ride Along needs to be rescheduled or canceled, the participant shall contact the SFMD Ride Along Liaison.
5. The Ride Along Program will operate between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm, on assigned days (excluding major holidays).
6. Failure of the Rider to arrive at the scheduled time may result in loss of Ride Along privileges.
7. Only one Rider per day will be scheduled at a station.
8. 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.
9. Riders will be under the supervision of the assigned Captain at all times.
10. Failure to comply with the requirements laid out in this Ride Along Policy will result in the immediate termination of the Ride Along. The Ride Along may also be terminated at the Captain's or Battalion Chief's discretion.
11. The SFMD reserves the right to deny Ride Along privileges to any person whose conduct and/or appearance becomes a detriment to the District.
12. 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. (Example: The Rider must be able to get in and out of Fire District apparatus without assistance.)

13. Riders are only allowed to observe operations and shall not participate with or be a working member of the crew except for special situations approved by the assigned Captain, who will then be responsible for the actions of the rider.

14. Ride Along Uniform

a. Collared shirt

b. Pants (black, navy blue, or khaki); no skirts or shorts

c. Heavy shoes or boots (dark-colored); no sandals, open top, sneakers, or running shoes

15. Riders will be allowed no more than two Ride Alongs per year.