



East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Observer / Rider Release

I _____ In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Ride-Along program and ride in a vehicle owned and operated by the East Jefferson Fire Rescue, for the express purpose of observing operations and facilities of the Fire Department, the undersigned agrees to release and hold harmless East Jefferson Fire Rescue, its agents, employees and elected officials from and against all claims, costs and damages which arise out of or in any manner result from my participation in the Ride-Along program and related activities.

I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless East Jefferson Fire Rescue, its agents and employees, any and all sums of money, damages, attorneys' fees, costs or expenses that may be here after required, resulting from any injury or damage which I may cause during my participation in the Ride-Along program and related activities.

I have carefully read the foregoing RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT and understand its contents.

I have read and understand the above RELEASE AND INDEMNITY and further agree to its provisions as they apply to my son/daughter. I further agree to assume full responsibility for my son/daughter, as it would pertain to the provisions set forth above.

I have been provided with a copy of East Jefferson Fire Rescue Ride-Along Program Overview and after careful reviewed signed it.

Observer /Rider _____ Date_____

Guardian_____ Date_____

I am scheduled to participate on _____ at Station_____on Unit#_____

Ride-Along Rules/Requirements

1. Clothing requirements: (a) Shoes: Black or brown, closed-toe (steel-toed is strongly recommended) with a good non-slip sole (NO tennis shoes); (b) Pants: Black or dark blue (NO jeans); (c) Shirt: White or light blue (NO T-shirts). Participants from training programs may wear their class uniform if approved by the Duty Chief. Remember that you will be outside, so bring a jacket (dark color recommended with no logos) appropriate for the possible weather conditions the day of your ride. Eye protection and gloves will be required on every call regardless of your proximity to an event (eye protection and gloves will be provided by EJFR).
2. Ride-Along participants shall be at the station before their scheduled time. If the Ambulance or Fire Company is out of the station, please wait for their return. Do not ask for or accept a ride with a different unit. Observers may bring their own prepared food items with or make arrangements for food with the Station Officer.
3. Ride-Along participants are reminded that they are riding along ONLY as an OBSERVER. Standard procedures for blood borne pathogens are in effect. If you have questions or concerns, ask. Note: Always observe at a safe distance and stand clear of the EMS personnel. Also, when on a street call (a motor vehicle collision); stay out of the roadway. It is very easy for Ride-Along participants to get caught up in observing emergency personnel on scene and forget that they are in the road. You will be provided a safety vest.
4. At all times, Ride-Along participants will be under the control of the officer-in-charge (OIC). Failure to follow the directions of the OIC will result in removal of the privilege to participate as a Ride-Along participant. If there are any problems during your assigned shift, you or the crew may request that the observation shift be terminated. At that time, the Ride-Along participant must leave, all discussion of the events will occur at a later time; there is to be no debate.
5. If the unit you are assigned to is dispatched on a run prior to the scheduled end of your time and you are on scene, then you will be on the run until it comes back to the station. You may return later than the period you requested; it happens often, so please plan ahead for this type of event.
6. Do not stay at the station past your assigned time (unless you are out on a run). Remember that the department personnel consider the station their home while on shift. Leave promptly at your scheduled time, unless other arrangements have been approved.
7. Under no circumstances will a Ride-Along participant be permitted to enter a building that is on fire. The participant may be permitted to enter when the Incident Commander has declared the fire extinguished, all smoke has been cleared from the building, and the building has been determined to be safe for entry by non-operational personnel. Fire department personnel shall directly supervise such entry.
8. Please ask any questions or get clarification before you go to the station regarding expectations. Above all, have fun observing the fast-paced work of Emergency Services.
9. Ride Along participants will treat PHI (private health information) as **strictly confidential**. Disclosure of PHI to any organization(s) who are not directly working with the patient is strictly forbidden. No response documents or copies, on which individually identifiable information such as name, address, SSN, etc shall be removed, disclosed or transmitted off site.

"Golden Rule of HIPPA;

You don't want people to know your personal stuff; don't tell another's to the world...

Ride Along Applicant Information

Full Name		Date of Birth	
Home Address		Gender	
Phone		Email	
Place of Employment or School			
Position/Title			
Major/Study		Business/School Phone	
Organization(s) Represented			
What is your interest in participating in this program?			
Date you are requesting to ride?	Time you wish to ride?	Fire Dept. Unit Requested	
Have you ever been arrested? Yes / No If yes, list offense, location and date:			
Do you have a physical impairment that requires special accommodations for participating in this program? Yes / No If yes, describe:			
I have read and understand the procedure for the Ride-Along Program of East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Y / N The above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Yes / No			
Signature of Applicant:			
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Approved: Yes / No Date of participation: Time Assigned: Signature: Comments		Rode with: Date of participation: Time(s) participated: From To Failed to appear Refused to allow applicant to ride Explain: Terminated ride before scheduled time Explain:	

Observer / Rider Safety Orientation

Welcome to EJFR for your scheduled Observation / Ride time. We are glad to have you as a member of the crew during this time. You have the opportunity to see some exciting things; EMS calls, fires, rescues and the day to day activities your fire department provides to its citizens.

Before we start the tour there are some important items your crew will cover with you:

- Where to park your vehicle during your observation tour
- Location of the building exits and the rally point if an event shall cause you to use the emergency exit
- The station phone if you should have to call home (local calls only).
- Place to store your personal items and food for the ride tour
- Restrooms and shower locations if needed

Here are some of the items your crew will explain to you about apparatus you will be riding on this tour:

- How to open and close the doors
- How to step into and dismount from the apparatus
- Where the seat belts are and how to fasten them
- Where the hearing protection is if needed for a specific apparatus
- Equipment that you may need or are asked to carry with you
- Specific safety concerns of the apparatus you will be on
- When to leave an apparatus (as directed by the apparatus officer)

Lastly, what to do as you shadow your assigned crew:

- Who is my EJFR contact member during your ride tour
- When is a good time to ask questions
- Where should you stand during a patient evaluation
- If I am asked to return to the apparatus where do I go

Remember this is a unique experience and profession. Not all that is seen on TV really happens and then sometimes TV is created by what happens. Keep an open mind and remember your safety and the safety of the crew is the officer's responsibility. Do not become a burden for the officer during an event.

Please sign after your safety briefing* and enjoy your ride time.

Officer _____ Rider _____ Date _____

* Return signed form to administration