



SUBJECT: RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

POLICY: Clark County Fire & Rescue may allow Citizens to “ride along” to observe fire department operations.

PURPOSE: To allow selected individuals the opportunity to observe Clark County Fire & Rescue in action, and patrons the chance to evaluate and/or determine career interest.

PROCEDURE: The following procedures must be followed for all potential Ride Along individuals:

1. The rider must be at least 18 years of age, or at least 16 and in a formal school program which requires the experience.
2. If the rider is under the age of 18, and in a formal school program which requires the experience, a parent or legal guardian must sign a release. If over 18 years of age, the observer will sign a release. These must be filled out in advance of the observation.
3. Observation may be conducted only between the hours of 08:00 and 17:00, Monday through Friday.
4. Individuals may only ride or observe once in a six-month period, unless specifically approved by the Chief or his designee.
5. Attire will consist of dark colored (navy or black), neat and clean slacks (no blue jeans), and a light colored shirt (not a T-shirt), and appropriate footwear (black, polishable shoes).
6. Observers riding through a meal period must provide their own brown-bagged meal(s).
7. Observers must be afforded all necessary safety precautions while riding and while in the station. Every effort will be made to provide the observer the opportunity for a flavor of the job, while still respecting victim privacy and/or scene safety.
8. If, in the Captain’s judgment, the rider does not comply with any of the above noted provisions or is causing undue disruption, the rider’s observation will be terminated and the on-duty Battalion Chief immediately notified. A report stating the reasons for such termination will be forwarded to the



Deputy Chief of Operations expediently, but no later than the end of the shift.

9. Each individual requesting a ride-out must submit an application form to the Chief or his designee. Once approved, the rider will be furnished with a copy of the Ride Along Policy and a ride out time will be scheduled. The ride out time must be scheduled with the Captain at least one shift in advance.
10. All potential riders must provide a copy of a photo ID attached to the application.
11. Medical or physical conditions, not previously identified in the application process, which might affect the observer's ability to ride along, such as illness, injury, etc., should be brought to the attention of the on-duty Battalion Chief immediately for a decision on whether or not the observer is allowed to ride.
12. Observers must ride with a qualified staff member. Volunteer staff will not be assigned "ride along" or observer participants.
13. These procedures may be deviated from on a case-by-case basis upon consideration of the on-call administrator.
14. Any on-going variation of the procedures, including special programs such as Cadet programs, juvenile mentoring, high school shadow programs, etc., will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Chief, who will consult with the program leader and potential affected Captain/Battalion Chief.