

**SUBJECT: RIDE-OUT PROGRAM**

**POLICY:** The Cadet ride-out program is a valuable portion of the learning experience. But, it is also considered a privilege and a privilege that one must earn. Each cadet has the opportunity to participate in ride-outs at the discretion of their instructor.

**PURPOSE:** To provide consistency in ride-out requirements, expectations, and process for the cadets.

**SCOPE:** All Clark County Fire Cadets

**RESPONSIBILITY:****PROCEDURE:**

**Prerequisites:** In order to ride-out, students must:

1. Pass a test on the following manipulative procedures:
  - a. Don an S.C.B.A. within sixty seconds.
  - b. Deploy, advance, and reload a pre-connected hose line.
  - c. Perform a hydrant connection within sixty seconds.
  - d. Perform both positions on a two-person 24' ladder raise.
  - e. Tie a bowline, clove hitch, figure eight, figure eight on a bight, and Becket bend; demonstrate ability to apply the knots to various tasks.
  - f. Locating and identifying items on an assigned Engine.
2. Be CPR certified.
3. Maintain a "B" average or better in the cadet program.
4. Have a score of 80% or better on the most recent written test.
5. Be approved to ride-out by the Lead Instructor.
6. Have a signed parental consent form

**Scheduling:**

Cadets will be scheduled to ride-out at the discretion of the Lead Instructor.

1. All ride-outs will be scheduled through the Lead Instructor or his assistant.
2. Only one Cadet may ride-out on an apparatus at a time.
3. No cadets shall seek to obtain permission to ride out from Department personnel, until the Cadet has obtained authorization from the Lead Instructor.

Ride-out times will be as follows:

- Weekdays:** 1500-2200 hours
- Weekends/Holidays:** 0700-2200 hours
- No ride-outs will be scheduled on :**  
**January 1<sup>st</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving, or December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Cadets will place in writing their intent to participate via a ride-out request form. The completed ride-out request form will be given to the Lead Instructor no later than 1 week prior to the date of the requested ride-out. Parent permission and Emergency Information forms must be completed and turned in to the Lead Instructor with the ride-out request form. The box for these forms is in the Lead Instructor's office.

The lead instructor will have a calendar that has available dates for ride-outs. The lead instructor will attempt to place the ride-out information on the online cadet calendar as well.

Even though an instructor may have approved the ride-out, circumstances arise where you may be unable to participate. The company officer has the final decision of whether you may ride on his/her apparatus that day.

**Expectations:**

- The Cadet will follow all orders of the fire company while on a ride out.
- Cadets will check into the passport system anytime they are scheduled to ride-out.
- Cadets will always wear a seat belt when riding-out.

The Cadet will have the proper duty uniform, full turnouts, PT uniform, hygiene items, and study material for the ride-out. Failure to have any of these will result in the Cadet being sent home (and no credit will be given for the ride-out). Cadets are strongly encouraged to bring food or money (to buy-in with the crew) for lunch and dinner. Not all crews cook lunch or dinner together – call the officer and check their expectations.

Cadets are expected to participate with the shift. This includes drill time, classes, station and apparatus maintenance and physical work out time. During the physical work out time, Cadets will be allowed to wear dark blue sweat pants or dark blue shorts (no jeans) and tennis shoes. Cadets will be expected to be back in the proper duty uniform upon completing the work out time. Cadets will be expected to take time in the evening for study. Please remember that this is the home for the duty crews and you are a guest. Please be courteous and respectful when riding out.

**College Credit:** In order to receive college credit, second year cadets must ride-out a minimum of fifty (50) hours. Note: Ride-outs completed as a first year cadet, or during summer, do not count towards second year hours.