

1.0. PURPOSE

- 1.1. Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue allows members of the community and students eighteen (18) years of age and older to participate in a Ride-Along program with on-duty emergency crews. This program will acquaint community members with the emergency services provided by the Fire District. In addition, the District will support field clinical internships for district and non-district EMT/PM students when possible.
- 1.2. The District's Ride-Along program may not be feasible for everyone. Riders must have the physical ability to rapidly mount and dismount apparatus to prevent delays in emergency response. Riders must also be able to withstand weather variations common to Washington State for a significant period of time. The Fire District will attempt reasonable accommodations to allow the ride-along to occur. However, if unable to allow the ride-along due to physical limitations, CKFR will then strive to accommodate informational station tours or other appropriate substitutes, if so desired.

2.0. PROCEDURE

2.1. DRESS AND APPEARANCE

- 2.1.1. Riders shall be neat and clean in appearance. Their appearance must be acceptable to the Company Officer, and/or on-duty Battalion Chief if the Company Officer is unavailable. While participating in this program, the individual's actions and presence will reflect upon the Fire District.
- 2.1.2. Riders shall wear the District provided "Observer" safety vest, labeled garment or an appropriate uniform from their organization, (e.g., TCC Paramedic Program, Fire Department uniform.)
- 2.1.3. Riders must wear neat and clean attire, with full-length jeans, pants, or slacks, plain shirt without graphics, and flat, closed-toe shoes. No shorts or skirts are authorized. Their attire must be acceptable to the Company Officer, and/or on-duty Battalion Chief. Any inappropriate attire, as determined by the Company Officer, or Battalion Chief, will terminate the ride along.



- 2.1.4. Jewelry, rings, watches, and piercings such as nose rings must be acceptable to the Company Officer, or Battalion Chief. Any items posing a safety risk or threat to damages may be asked to be removed during the ride along.

2.2. RIDE-ALONG HOURS

- 2.2.1. Riders are limited to the hours of 0800 to 1700 hours unless authorized by the Battalion Chief for District related or educational purposes, (e.g., EMT/PM students.)

2.3. INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES

- 2.3.1. No person shall be permitted to participate in this program unless they have first submitted a signed copy of the following District forms:
 - 2.3.1.1. Form 1027- Request for Ride-Along
 - 2.3.1.2. Form 1028- Agreement Assuming Risk of Injury or Damage Waiver and Release of Claims and Indemnity Agreement (Ride-Along Waiver)
- 2.3.2. These forms must be approved and in the possession of the Company Officer prior to any participation.
- 2.3.3. Riders must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- 2.3.4. Audio, video, and other recording devices, are prohibited while participating in the Ride-Along Program unless granted prior written approval by the Fire Chief. Personal electronic devices must be kept in silent mode and in the Rider's pocket. Such devices must not be in use during emergency responses. Photos or recordings of non-emergency operations may be permitted by the Company Officer but will require express permission.
- 2.3.5. Riders must obey all orders and instructions given by the District personnel to whom he/she is assigned.
- 2.3.6. When District apparatus respond to a dangerous situation, the Rider shall remain on the apparatus until directed otherwise.
- 2.3.7. Persons with a criminal background may not be allowed to participate in the Rider program.
- 2.3.8. The Company Officer or Rider may terminate the ride-along at any time.
- 2.3.9. The Rider agrees not to discuss names or persons involved in matters pertaining to recipients of Fire/EMS or related service by Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue to include all personal information including names, medical history and statements gathered. All information shall remain confidential in compliance with federal HIPAA regulations.



2.3.10. Riders must carry a valid Washington State Driver's License or other approved Identification. The ID must be shown to the Company Officer at the beginning of the ride along with Form 1028 (Ride-Along Waiver) and produce them if requested by appropriate authority.

3.0. REFERENCE

3.1. None

4.0. ATTACHMENTS

4.1. Form 1027 Request for Ride-Along

4.2. Form 1028 Agreement Assuming Risk of Injury or Damage Waiver and Release of Claim and Indemnity Agreement (Ride-Along Waiver)

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SOP 2-18 Ride-Along Program

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