

ROCKLEDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT RIDE ALONG GUIDELINES

1. Citizens that are participating as a ride along must sign the Ride Along Waiver Form and have the designated officers sign it. If they are under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also sign the form. They are not allowed to participate until this form is signed.
2. A ride along will yield their position on any piece of apparatus to any department member available to run a call, as determined by the Officer in command.
3. A ride along is not permitted to occupy the Officer's seat.
4. A ride along will not actively participate in any fire or rescue operation and will remain with the driver, Officer, or in the truck as deemed by the incident commander or the apparatus Officer.
5. Safety is of prime importance. A ride along will report to the duty crew officer to be briefed on safety procedures and to arrange for adequate communications at a scene.
6. The ride along dress code is as follows:
 - a. Collared shirt or t-shirt, preferably dark blue or white in color.
 - b. Pants should be neat and clean with no holes, preferably dark blue in color however blue jeans are acceptable.
 - c. Pants must be worn at the waist level.
 - d. Shoes/Boots should be in good conditions and have no holes in them. Shoes must completely cover the foot, no open toed shoes or sandals. If you have a pair of steel toed boots, it would be good to wear them.
 - e. In cold weather, a jacket should be brought.
 - f. No clothing worn by the ride along should have obscene or graphic saying or pictures on them.
 - g. EMT/Paramedic Students may wear their school uniform.
7. The ride along shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
8. The ride along shall not use a radio for any communications unless directed to do so by the Officer in an emergency situation.
9. No ride along may be under 16 years of age.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the ride along being asked to correct the problem, or leave the grounds. Failure to follow these guidelines may also result in the delay or denial of a membership application if one was turned in. If you have any questions or concerns, please see the Officer on-duty or a Chief Officer. By signing the Ride Along Waiver Form, you are agreeing to follow these guidelines.