
Section: 1.14 Ride Along Program

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SCOPE:

This guideline applies to all South Metro Fire Department personnel.

PURPOSE:

The department's "ride along" program is intended to provide first hand experience for citizens interested in the fire department's services and operations, and an interning opportunity for public safety professional students.

PROCEDURE:**Consent:**

Qualified "ride along" participants may accompany an on shift firefighter during routine travel, and on emergency responses. Participants must meet the Program's Eligibility Requirements, and comply with the Program's Rules of Conduct, which are described in this document.

Consent and Waiver of Claims:

Participants under age 18 years must have their parents written consent. All participants must acknowledge the risks attendant with riding in an emergency vehicle, and waive any claims they may have against the South Metro Fire Department, it's employees or insurers, resulting from injury or property damage while participating in the Ride Along Program.

Rules of Conduct:

1. Participants are required to wear clean and neat apparel, dress appropriately for existing weather conditions, and present an image which reflects positively on the department.
2. Participants must obey all instructions of the on-duty firefighter, including use of seat belt while riding.
3. A participant's disregard of the firefighter's instructions, inability to conduct himself or herself in a respectable manner, or disregard of safety considerations, shall be grounds for terminating participation in the Program.
4. Judgment of the on-duty firefighter, and/or officer in charge, is final.