



East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Observer / Rider Release

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

In consideration of receiving permission from East Jefferson Fire and Rescue to ride as an observer in emergency vehicles owned and operated by the District during emergency calls, the undersigned hereby releases East Jefferson Fire and Rescue, its Commissioners, agents, officers, employees and volunteers of and from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the undersigned, or any property of the undersigned while in or on the premises of the District or in any emergency vehicles owned or operated by the District.

The undersigned is aware of the risks and hazards inherent in riding in emergency vehicles while responding to or returning from an emergency call. The undersigned hereby elects voluntarily to enter the District premises and occupy the District vehicles and assumes all risks that may be involved with such activity.

This release shall be binding on the heirs and personal representatives of the undersigned.

If any provision or portion of this Agreement is held to be unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY GIVE UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT INDUCEMENTS.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER

Signed _____ Dated this _____ day of _____ .

If I am signing this liability release on behalf of a minor (less than 18 years of age)(the "child"): I represent that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of such child; I accept responsibility for all the child's medical expenses incurred in connection with participation in the program; I agree to indemnify the released parties for any and all claims whatsoever brought by the child; and I agree to indemnify the released parties for any and all claims whatsoever brought by a third party arising out of the child's conduct.

Dated: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of receiving permission from East Jefferson Fire and Rescue to ride as an observer in emergency vehicles owned and operated by the District during emergency calls, the undersigned agrees to follow and comply with the confidentiality and security policies of East Jefferson Fire and Rescue and state and Federal Law. I agree not to divulge, disclose, publish, or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons, or to the public, any confidential health information relating to any employee or patient of the District that I may become aware of while participating in this activity. I understand that unauthorized disclosure of health information may be a violation of the Washington State Health Care Information Act and the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and I understand that action to impose civil or criminal penalties against me may be taken by a prosecuting attorney or another party with standing if I am suspected of being responsible for a breach of confidentiality, or unauthorized disclosure of health information.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Signed _____ Dated this _____ day of _____ .

Ride-Along Rules/Requirements

1. Clothing requirements: (a) Shoes: Black or brown, closed-toe (steel-toed is strongly recommended) with a good non-slip sole (NO tennis shoes); (b) Pants: Black or dark blue (NO jeans); (c) Shirt: White or light blue (NO T-shirts). Participants from training programs may wear their class uniform if approved by the Duty Chief. Remember that you will be outside, so bring a jacket (dark color recommended with no logos) appropriate for the possible weather conditions the day of your ride. Eye protection and gloves will be required on every call regardless of your proximity to an event (eye protection and gloves will be provided by EJFR).
2. Ride-Along participants shall be at the station before their scheduled time. If the Ambulance or Fire Company is out of the station, please wait for their return. Do not ask for or accept a ride with a different unit. Observers may bring their own prepared food items with or make arrangements for food with the Station Officer.
3. Ride-Along participants are reminded that they are riding along ONLY as an OBSERVER. Standard procedures for blood borne pathogens are in effect. If you have questions or concerns, ask. Note: Always observe at a safe distance and stand clear of the EMS personnel. Also, when on a street call (a motor vehicle collision); stay out of the roadway. It is very easy for Ride-Along participants to get caught up in observing emergency personnel on scene and forget that they are in the road. You will be provided a safety vest.
4. At all times, Ride-Along participants will be under the control of the officer-in-charge (OIC). Failure to follow the directions of the OIC will result in removal of the privilege to participate as a Ride-Along participant. If there are any problems during your assigned shift, you or the crew may request that the observation shift be terminated. At that time, the Ride-Along participant must leave, all discussion of the events will occur at a later time; there is to be no debate.
5. If the unit you are assigned to is dispatched on a run prior to the scheduled end of your time and you are on scene, then you will be on the run until it comes back to the station. You may return later than the period you requested; it happens often, so please plan ahead for this type of event.
6. Do not stay at the station past your assigned time (unless you are out on a run). Remember that the department personnel consider the station their home while on shift. Leave promptly at your scheduled time, unless other arrangements have been approved.
7. Under no circumstances will a Ride-Along participant be permitted to enter a building that is on fire. The participant may be permitted to enter when the Incident Commander has declared the fire extinguished, all smoke has been cleared from the building, and the building has been determined to be safe for entry by non-operational personnel. Fire department personnel shall directly supervise such entry.
8. Please ask any questions or get clarification before you go to the station regarding expectations. Above all, have fun observing the fast-paced work of Emergency Services.

Ride Along Application

Full Name		Date of Birth	
Home Address		Gender	
Phone		Email	
Place of Employment or School			
Position/Title			
Major/Study		Business/School Phone	
Organization(s) Represented			
What is your interest in participating in this program?			
Date you are requesting to ride?	Time you wish to ride?	Fire Dept. Unit Requested	
Have you ever been arrested? Yes / No If yes, list offense, location and date:			
Do you have a physical impairment that requires special accommodations for participating in this program? Yes / No If yes, describe:			
I have read and understand the procedure for the Ride-Along Program of East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Y / N The above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Yes / No			
Signature of Applicant:			
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Approved: Yes / No Date of participation: Time Assigned: Signature: Comments		Rode with: Date of participation: Time(s) participated: From To Failed to appear Refused to allow applicant to ride Explain: Terminated ride before scheduled time Explain:	

Observer / Rider Safety Orientation

Welcome to EJFR for your scheduled Observation / Ride time. We are glad to have you as a member of the crew during this time. You have the opportunity to see some exciting things; EMS calls, fires, rescues and the day to day activities your fire department provides to its citizens.

Before we start the tour there are some important items your crew will cover with you:

- Where to park your vehicle during your observation tour
- Location of the building exits and the rally point if an event shall cause you to use the emergency exit
- The station phone if you should have to call home (local calls only).
- Place to store your personal items and food for the ride tour
- Restrooms and shower locations if needed

Here are some of the items your crew will explain to you about apparatus you will be riding on this tour:

- How to open and close the doors
- How to step into and dismount from the apparatus
- Where the seat belts are and how to fasten them
- Where the hearing protection is if needed for a specific apparatus
- Equipment that you may need or are asked to carry with you
- Specific safety concerns of the apparatus you will be on
- When to leave an apparatus (as directed by the apparatus officer)

Lastly, what to do as you shadow your assigned crew:

- Who is my EJFR contact member during your ride tour
- When is a good time to ask questions
- Where should you stand during a patient evaluation
- If I am asked to return to the apparatus where do I go

Remember this is a unique experience and profession. Not all that is seen on TV really happens and then sometimes TV is created by what happens. Keep an open mind and remember your safety and the safety of the crew is the officer's responsibility. Do not become a burden for the officer during an event.

Please sign after your safety briefing* and enjoy your ride time.

Officer _____ Rider _____ Date _____

* Return signed form to administration