

Estacada Rural Fire District

Administrative Guide for Ride-Along Program

The following are guidelines to follow regarding *ride-along* requests:

1. The rider must be at least 18 years of age, or at least 16 and in a formal school program which requires the experience.
2. Observations may be conducted only between the hours of 0700-2000 hrs, Monday through Saturday.
3. Individuals may only ride or observe once in a three month period.
4. If the rider is under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign a release form. If over the age of 18, the observer will sign a release. These are to be obtained from the administration building during normal business hours and must be filled out 7 working days prior to the requested ride-along date.
5. Attire will be dark colored jeans or slacks, a light colored shirt (no T-shirts), and appropriate footwear. All attire shall be neat and clean.
6. Observers riding through meal periods shall bring their own meals.
7. Observers must be afforded all necessary safety precautions while riding and while at the station. Every effort will be made to provide the observer the opportunity to observe the performance of firefighters, while still respecting victim privacy and scene safety. Observers will be briefed on the issue of medical confidentiality by the company officer and will be expected to respect the privacy of all parties and their families.
8. Dormitories are strictly off limits for observers.
9. If, in the officer's judgment, the observer does not comply with any of these provisions or is causing undue disruption, the observation will be terminated and the duty officer immediately notified. A report stating the reasons for such termination will be forwarded through proper channels to the Operations Officer.
10. Observers are to be reminded that in the eyes of the public, they are with and therefore a part of the Estacada Rural Fire District, and are to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will not bring discredit upon the District.

Estacada Fire District #69
Ride-Along Program Request/Liability Release Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Reason for Request:

Date Requested: _____ (Must be 7 work days in advance)

I _____ request the Estacada Rural Fire District #69 (ERFD) to allow me to participate in its voluntary *Ride-Along Program*. This program enables citizens to accompany members of the Estacada Fire Department during the performance of their official duties. I am voluntarily agreeing to ride along with an engine company or staff vehicle of ERFD, in order to gain knowledge of the performance of official duties by members of the fire department. I am aware of the inherent dangers to myself from participating in the *Ride-Along Program*, and I understand the function of the ERFD is not server as the guardian of my safety during my participation in this activity. I understand that although the ERFD will make every effort to ensure my safety, they cannot be held responsible or liable for my accidental injury or death in the performance of their duties. In consideration of being allowed to participate in the *Ride-Along Program*, I am voluntarily agreeing to the terms of this agreement.

I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this release; I fully understand the terms of this release and comprehend that the terms of this agreement will affect my ability to sue the Estacada Rural Fire District or its authorized representatives. **

(** if citizen observer is less than 18 years of age, cross this paragraph off, have initialed by minor, and obtain signature of parent or legal guardian on appropriate form.)

I have read the foregoing and agree to all the terms and conditions of this agreement and the rules and regulations following. I have read this release and the rules and regulations carefully before agreeing to sign, and do so on my own free will.

Signed _____

Date _____

Witness _____

Date _____

() INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR MINOR CHILD BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR THE CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE *RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM*.**

I, the undersigned, state that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____

I hereby request that my child be allowed to participate in the Estacada Rural Fire District's Ride-Along Program.

I hereby state that I am voluntarily allowing my child to participate in this program and I recognize there are certain risks and dangers inherent in the participation in this type of activity.

I understand the ERFD cannot and does not guarantee or insure the safety of my child.

I understand, and am aware; my child's participation in this program may result in the risk of bodily injury or death. I am willing to assume any risk for personal injury or property damage to my child in order to allow him/her to participate in this program.

In consideration of the Estacada Fire Department allowing my child to participate in this program, I hereby agree to INDEMNITY AND SAFE HOLD HARMLESS AND DEFEND the Estacada Fire District, and it's officials, administrators, and executions which may be alleged to arise out of my child's participation in this program.

I have read the foregoing and agree to all the terms and conditions of this agreement and I have read this release agreement carefully before signing it.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____