

Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

OPERATING PROCEDURE

No. 602

Ride Along Procedures

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PURPOSE

To establish a uniform guideline whereby volunteer department personnel or members of the public may ride as an observer on Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management vehicles.

SCOPE

This regulation pertains to all members of Fauquier County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management (operational and administrative) and the members the Fauquier County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association and its associated departments.

I. PROCEDURES

- A. Personnel wishing to ride-along with career staff on volunteer owned or county owned apparatus must be a member of a volunteer department in Fauquier County. The career crew will advise the battalion chief of the name of the ride-along, their affiliation and training level. In the case where a volunteer member of a department requests to ride-along in a station where he is not a member, the Chief of that station or his designee will be informed of the ride-along.
- B. Personnel riding will make their request through the station officer or senior member of the crew or the battalion chief.
- C. The ride-along member will wear the uniform of their department while participating. The uniform will be clean and presentable.
- D. In the case where more than one request is made for the same time period the order of acceptance is as follows:
 1. An individual precepting in order to be cleared as an ALS provider.
 2. An individual interning as part of an ALS training program.
 3. A member wishing to ride along for the purpose of additional training.

Desire to Serve

Ability to Perform

Courage to Act

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- E. Except in unusual circumstances, precepting members will ride with the medic unit or other apparatus and not with the battalion chief. This rule can be altered only by the battalion chief or the assistant chief of the Department.
- F. Nothing in this operating procedure is intended to prevent volunteer members of a particular department from riding their own apparatus in a situation where more personnel are warranted for a particular call or they request to ride on an individual call basis. The member must make every effort to be appropriately dressed in these circumstances.

II. CIVILIAN RIDE ALONG

- A. To ensure documentation is accurate and on file prior to any participation of civilian personnel in service related field operations the following forms (FRF915) are to be completed and adhered to:
 - 1. Application
 - 2. Waiver Of Civil Liability & Indemnification Agreement (notarized)
 - 3. Ride-Along Agreement
- B. Civilian ride-along participants must present a neat, clean appearance in keeping with the professional attitude of the Department. Career staff will have the right to refuse ride-along status to any person who is not dressed appropriately.
- C. Civilian participants must have completed any paperwork that the individual volunteer department may require of such individuals wishing to ride on their apparatus. This paperwork will be coordinated between the appropriate volunteer department officer and the station officer or senior person assigned to the particular unit.