

SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE SERVICE AREA

RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

HOLD HARMLESS WAIVER

In consideration of the South Davis Metro Fire Service Area (SDMFSA) allowing

_____ to participate in the Ride Along Program (the "Program"):

I, _____, being of at least eighteen years of age, hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

OR

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of

_____, do hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. The Ride Along Program is an opportunity to participate as an observer with SDMFSA fire and medical personnel at SDMFSA facilities or in SDMFSA emergency response vehicles during normal shift periods and fire and emergency responses. I understand that SDMFSA fire and medical responses inherently involve elements of risk not normally present in daily activities. Such risks include but are not limited to high-speed vehicle response, the presence of blood borne pathogens, emotional trauma and/or the exposure to physical injury or death. While SDMFSA personnel will use reasonable care supervising my participation with SDMFSA forces in SDMFSA activities, SDMFSA is not capable of completely controlling or removing the risks inherent in its activities for the Ride Along Participants nor the Participants' response to such risks.
2. As a Participant, I will be under the control and supervision of the Station Captain and Senior Crew members. In addition, I will be subject to the Ride Along Program Guidelines that have been developed for the Program. I affirm that I have previously reviewed those Guidelines and agree to abide by them.

Having reviewed the above, I, on my own behalf or on behalf of the above named minor, hereby acknowledge that I have read the above and understood the risks inherent in the Ride Along Program and request to participate in the Ride Along Program. I further agree to comply with all

directives of SDMFSa staff and the Ride Along Program Guidelines. I agree to maintain the confidentiality of all such information to which I am exposed and to not make any recordings or take any photographs of matters observed during the Ride Along. I agree to abide by all confidentiality guidelines and requirements that have been explained to me.

In consideration of SDMFSa allowing participation in the Ride Along Program, I hereby voluntarily assume the risk or loss or damage that participation in the Ride Along Program reasonably involves and release SDMFSa, its officers and employees from any and all liability for injuries, losses or claims that may arise from participation in the Program.

DATED and EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

SIGNATURE

NAME (print)

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The South Davis Metro Fire Service Area (SDMFSA) Ride Along program is designed to provide an opportunity for students, members of the medical community and on a limited basis members of the community to observe the dynamic field of Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). This service is provided as a privilege at the discretion of the Fire Chief and/or their designees and may be revoked at any time and for any reason.

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING A RIDE ALONG

Upon completion return the following forms to SDMFSA office
at 255 South 100 West Bountiful.

1. Application to the Ride Along Program link filled out online.
2. Copy of current Drivers License or picture identification.
3. Acknowledgement of Ride Along Program guidelines.
4. Background check documentation if required.
5. Signed Hold Harmless Agreement.
 - Minors, less than 18 years old must have the legal guardian release signed.
 - Minor Students affiliated with a school program must also have the Affiliated Organization Acknowledgement signed.

7. Signed Acknowledgement of Program Guidelines.
 - Assigned Station Captain to review guidelines and sign document.
 - Signed documents returned to Nicole Thompson
ST81

SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE SERVICE AREA RIDE ALONG PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. At all times, Ride Along participants shall be under the control of the station captain. Failure to follow the directions of the station captain shall result in the removal of the privilege of participating as a Ride Along.
2. Ride Along participants are reminded that they are riding along only as an observer. Clinical participants may exercise skills and procedures as directed by the captain or senior crew member. Standard procedures for blood borne pathogens are in effect. If you have questions or concerns, ask. If at any time the station captain or senior crew member determines that an emergency scene is unsafe or inappropriate for the Ride Along to observe you may be asked to remain in the fire department vehicle.
3. During your Ride Along you will be exposed to many things that are confidential in nature. These may include but are not limited to, a patient's health information, insurance and billing information, and identifying information from emergency scenes. Divulgence of such information is strictly prohibited and can result in civil and/or criminal penalties.
4. Photographs will not be permitted while participating in the Ride Along Program.
5. As a Ride Along participant, you may be required to appear in court to give testimony of events witnessed on an emergency scene.
6. Appropriate dress for your Ride Along shall include:
 - Clean and neat pants, black or dark blue (NO jeans).
 - Button up or polo type shirt. Shirts with pictures, logos, or advertisements are not appropriate for your ride along.
 - Closed-toed shoes or boots.
7. While at the station, Ride Along participants shall not be allowed into the dormitory areas of the station unless escorted by a member of the crew.
8. Under no circumstances shall a Ride Along participant be permitted to enter a building that is on fire until such time as the Incident Commander has declared the fire under control, 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.
9. At all times while in SDMFSA vehicles, Ride Along participants shall wear seat belts.

By signing below I agree to abide by the program guidelines and policies.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Station Captain: _____ Date: _____

(Return this form to Nicole Thompson ST81)



SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE SERVICE AREA RIDE ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION

Read Entire Document Before Submitting

Due to the extreme nature of Fire and EMS Operations and the need for complete privacy protection for the citizens we serve, it is the policy of the South Davis Metro Fire to provide an opportunity for EMT and paramedic students, accepted high school interns, communication specialists (dispatchers) and others with a clinical need, and/or an affiliation agreement, to participate in the Ride-Along program. This service is provided as a privilege at the discretion of the Fire Chief and/or their designees and may be revoked at any time and for any reason. The Fire Chief or designee may make exceptions for special circumstances. Exemptions may require the candidate to present a criminal background check obtained through bci.utah.gov.

Completing this application does not guarantee you will be accepted to the ride along program. Please allow 2 weeks for processing and scheduling. The ride-along program is available on most weekdays with certain exceptions. Weekends are not recommended due to department call volume. Ride-Alongs will be allowed no more than once every six months per individual. An exception may be made by the Fire Chief or designee.

Individuals who meet the requirements for the Ride-Along program who are also seeking employment with South Davis Metro Fire will not be allowed to participate in the program after a job application period is open and no sooner than 90-days after the application period has closed.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

BIRTHDATE:

GENDER:

EMPLOYER/SCHOOL:

REASON FOR REQUESTING A RIDE ALONG:

PREFERRED DATE AND TIME:

STATION/SHIFT REQUEST:

Individuals will be notified of their approval or denial in the ride along program via email. Accepted individuals will be emailed a packet to bring with them on their assigned date and time.