



KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ride-Along Program

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM RULES

READ THIS DOCUMENT COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM RULES:

1. Clothing requirements: (a) Shoes: Black, closed-toe (steel-toed is strongly recommended) with a good non-slip sole (NO tennis shoes); (b) Pants: Black or blue (jeans allowed without holes); (c) Shirt: White or dark blue collared/polo (No T-shirts). Participants from Bakersfield College Firefighter 1 training programs may wear their classroom uniform. 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. Participants shall be provided a vest and identification badge to wear over their clothing to identify them as a participant of the program.
2. Participants shall be considered observers only, and shall be under the direct supervision of the officer-in-charge (OIC) during the ride-along. Participants are to follow the OIC's instruction at all times, failure to do so will result in the termination of participation in the program.
3. Participants must wear their seat belts at all times while in the vehicle.
4. Participants must remain in the vehicle unless instructed to do otherwise by the OIC.
5. Participants shall conduct themselves in a civil and courteous manner at all times.
6. It is possible that an emergency response may occur near the completion time of the ride-along. Such instances may result in the participant returning to the assigned fire station past the originally scheduled completion time. Participants should plan for such an occurrence.
7. In the case of a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, participants may be dropped off at a safe location. If this occurs, Department personnel will give the participant specific instructions and arrange for transportation. Please note that this is for the participant's safety.
8. Participants shall not become directly involved in any incident. This includes discussions with victims, patients, or witnesses.
9. No tape recordings, cameras, or similar devices are allowed without prior approval from the Fire Chief or his designee.
10. Ride Along participants will treat PHI (private health information) as strictly confidential. Disclosure of PHI outside of the organizations who are working with the patient is strictly forbidden.
11. For security and safety reasons, participants are not allowed to handle or use any Department equipment or tools.
12. All participants in the Ride-Along Program must read, agree, sign, and abide by all rules and guidelines of this program prior to participation.

Failure to comply with any of the above listed rules and guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the ride-along.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____