



Aptos/La Selva Fire Protection District

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Rules for Ride Alongs

Purpose:

The purpose of the Ride Along Program is to inform students in related fields about the fire service and emergency medical professions by allowing the ride along to get a first hand view of fire personnel performing their jobs as well as meet their field experience requirements of EMT programs.

Ride Alongs will:

- 1) Follow the instructions of the company officer and crew at all times.
- 2) Arrive at the assigned station appearing neat and groomed.
 - a) Long hair will be tied back appropriately.
 - b) No loose jewelry shall be worn.
- 3) Wear approved well-fitting attire including:
 - a) Dark slacks. No baggy pants. BDUs acceptable.
 - b) Button up shirt or polo shirt, white or neutral in color.
 - c) Closed-toed shoes or boots, black or dark brown in color.
 - d) Appropriate uniforms may be worn such as paid call, seasonal CAL FIRE, name tags, etc.
 - e) Wildland jacket labeled "Aptos/La Selva Fire District Observer" shall be worn when directed by the company officer.
- 4) Wear attire deemed inappropriate by the company officer and specifically:
 - a) No low cut tops or visible underwear.
 - b) No jeans, shorts or cutoffs.
 - c) No tank tops or t-shirts or sleeveless.
 - d) No bare feet or open-toed shoes.
- 5) Complete and sign all forms after reviewing them with the company officer.
- 6) Wear their seatbelts at all times when riding on the apparatus.
- 7) Adhere to the confidentiality agreement that has been reviewed and signed.

Ride Alongs will not:

- 1) Interfere with operations or partake in any activity beyond the capacity and expectation of an average citizen who may be on the scene of an emergency incident or visiting the fire station.
 - 2) Leave the apparatus unless authorized to do so by the company officer.
 - 3) Take pictures or video unless authorized by the company officer.
 - 4) Use flash photography while riding inside the apparatus.
- The Engine Company will not delay its emergency response from the station or other locations. If the ride along is not on the apparatus and ready to leave with the crew, then he/she will be left behind.
 - EMT students, currently enrolled in an approved program, may be allowed to perform basic skills such as vital signs, CPR and BVM ventilation when deemed appropriate by the company officer.
 - The normal ride along hours will be 0800 to 1700. Variation from this must be approved from Company Officer.