

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES  
RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

**LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM**

All persons authorized to ride in Emergency Services vehicles will participate in a passenger/observer capacity only. Participants are not permitted to take part in any emergency medical action, assist in conducting investigations, or perform any other emergency service task or function.

Participants are not permitted to operate any Emergency Services vehicle, handle or possess medical supplies or medicines, or use any Department equipment. Participants will use the communications system only in the event of extreme emergency.

All persons authorized to ride will be required to wear civilian attire when participating in the Ride-Along Program. The desired attire shall consist of black or navy blue pants and a white or light blue collared shirt with no imprints. T-shirts are not allowed. All other clothing and shoes must be clean and presentable for service to the public.

Applicants cannot have been convicted of a felony.

Participants under the age of 18 years old must have the signature of their parent or guardian on this waiver.

Assignments will be for a specified, consecutive period of time.

Assignments will normally be limited to the uniformed ambulance units, but may include Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Vehicles.

It is possible that situations might arise that would expose the participant to undue danger, violence, or other hazardous conditions. In such cases, the Emergency Services Personnel will exercise discretion and have the prerogative to temporarily discharge the passenger at a suitable location while responding to and handling the call.

Each participant is under the supervision of the Emergency Services Personnel to which the participant is assigned. Any supervisory personnel who experience difficulty with a participant have the prerogative to discharge the rider at the Emergency Services Facility. In such cases, the supervising personnel will explain the circumstances to the ranking on-duty Supervisor or Director. The ranking on-duty Supervisor or Director may prohibit an individual from future participation in the program when doing so would be in the best interest of the Department.

All participants in the Rockingham County Emergency Services Ride-Along program shall be bound to strict patient confidentiality guidelines. All aspects of patient care are not to be discussed outside of the clinical setting. Patient confidentiality encompasses a patient's lifestyle choice, living conditions, family history, and medical history. At no time shall these aspects be discussed or made public knowledge by a program participant. A program participant that is found to have violated a patient's confidentiality shall be immediately withdrawn from the program.

Any person submitting a request to participate in the Rockingham County Emergency Services Ride-Along Program may be rejected if such participant would not serve the best interests of the Department. Emergency Services Personnel having knowledge of facts or circumstances that would tend to show the person unsuitable for participation should make these facts known to the Emergency Services Department Supervisor or Director.

I have read the above Policy and I understand that I am required to abide by its provisions.

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Signature of Participant

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Participant's Printed Name

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Date

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Signature of Participant's Parent or Guardian

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Parent or Guardian's Printed Name

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Date

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Signature of Witness

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Witness's Printed Name

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Date