EXPLORER RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

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Purpose: *To enhance the explorers learning experience by enabling the explorer to see first hand the leadership and skills of which they are being instructed.*

Procedure:

1. The following are required before an explorer may ride in fire department apparatus while responding to incidents:

   A. Approval of the fire department Explorer Post Leader.
   B. Must have shown the fire department Explorer Post Leader the most recent school report card. All grades must be "C" or higher, no exceptions. A "C" average will allow the explorer to ride along once per month, a "B" average will allow the explorer to ride along three times per month. An "A" average will allow unlimited ride along privileges.
   C. Parent/Guardian Permission and Release Form on file.
   D. Enrolled and in good standing with Explorer post.
   E. Permission from the supervisor in charge of the station where they wish to ride.
   F. Must have sufficient funds to cover meal expenses.

2. Not more than two (2) Explorers may ride along on any one (1) apparatus.

3. The following are the approved times for ride along programs. The supervisor in charge of station may adjust the following hours to fit the fire departments needs.

   A. While school is in session:
   Weekdays: 1600 – 1900
   Saturday, Sundays and Holidays: 1000 – 1900

   B. While school is not in session: (summer/spring/winter break):
   Weekdays and Weekends: 1000 – 1900

   C. 24 hour shift:
   Supervisor in charge of station must approve.
   Proper gender arrangement or parent present during sleep hours.

4. During the weekly explorer post meeting, the explorers present will discuss among themselves an agreeable schedule for riding along with apparatus. This is to limit the number of explorers calling each station asking permission to ride out. Therefore, the explorer must attend Friday to secure a day or days.

5. Permission for the ride along program is a privilege and can be revoked by the fire chief, duty officer, supervisor at the station or the Explorer Post Leader, at any time.

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6. While participating in the Ride-along Program, the explorer must wear the Explorer T-Shirt.

7. While participating in the Ride-along Program, the explorer must immediately and specifically follow any instructions/orders/directions given to the explorer by the apparatus officer or incident commander.

8. While participating in the Ride-along Program, the explorer must remain inside the fire apparatus until the officer of the apparatus, incident commander or apparatus operator has granted permission to exit the apparatus and instruct the explorer where the explorer may go.

9. Explorers are specifically prohibited from participating in any hazardous operations or entering into any hazardous area.

10. Explorers shall know the Emergency Evacuation signal. Upon hearing the Emergency Evacuation signal, if not already on the apparatus, the explorer shall immediately return to the apparatus and sit on the seat on which he or she rode to the scene, and remain there until approved as stated above.