**Purpose:** *To enhance the Junior Firefighters 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 a Junior Firefighter may ride in fire department apparatus while responding to incidents:

A. Approval of the fire department Junior Firefighter Leader.

B. Must have shown the fire department Junior Firefighter 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 Junior Firefighter 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 Junior Firefighter program.

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)~~ one (1) Junior Firefighters may ride along on any one (1) apparatus.

3. The following are the approved times for ride along programs. The supervisor in charge of the station may adjust the following hours to fit the fire department’s 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 Junior Firefighter meeting, the Junior Firefighters 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 Junior Firefighter 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 Junior Firefighter~~, at any time.

6. While participating in the Ride-along Program, the Junior Firefighter must wear the approved T-Shirt.

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

8. While participating in the Ride-along Program, the Junior Firefighter 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 Junior Firefighter may go.

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

10. Junior Firefighters shall know the Emergency Evacuation signal. Upon hearing the Emergency Evacuation signal, if not already on the apparatus, the Junior Firefighter 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.