

Fire Department Apparatus Ride-Along Standard Operating Guidelines

Fire Department: _____

Chief: _____

Fire department ride-alongs provide junior firefighters (JRFF) the opportunity to observe activities of fire and EMS services to gain a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities for fire and EMS personnel. A Junior Firefighter who is part of the

_____ junior firefighter program is permitted to ride departmental apparatus at the discretion of the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

JRFFs are permitted to ride an apparatus when in compliance with the following guidelines:

- A JRFF must be pre-approved to ride on departmental apparatus by the Fire Chief
- A JRFF shall complete a minimum of 30 hours of training in designated categories as outlined by the Kentucky Fire Commission prior to participating in operations on an incident scene
- Seat belts shall be worn at all times
- JRFF's will not be permitted to ride in the Officer-In-Charge (OIC) seat unless directed to do so by a driver/officer
- The JRFF shall not be permitted to operate any fire apparatus
- The JRFF shall remain with the apparatus until directed to a task by the OIC
- The JRFF may ride in the apparatus if there is an empty seat available; if the JRFF is seated in a full apparatus and a senior member arrives to enter the apparatus, the JRFF shall vacate the seat immediately
- All participation of the JRFF on an incident scene shall be at the discretion of the OIC
- A JRFF shall not perform any actions which will jeopardize the safety of the JRFF or others
- All JRFF Guidelines as outlined by the Kentucky Fire Commission shall be adhered to at all times
- A JRFF shall have limited patient/occupant contact on any incident scene
- Additional guidelines per Authority Having Jurisdiction:

Chief Signature

Signature Date