

# 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:

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Chief Signature Signature Date