



STAFFORD COUNTY

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Stafford County Fire – Rescue Ride -a-Long Program

Applicants for the Ride-a-Long Program to include *Volunteer Applicants* and *Interested Citizens* must complete the following:

- Ride-a-Long Program Application (requires Ride-a-Long Program Application)
- Ride-a-Long Program Minor Applicant Waiver of Civil Liability (if under 18, requires Notary)
- Ride-a-Long Program Waiver of Civil Liability (requires Notary)
- Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement (requires applicant signature)

No application will be processed unless all documents have been filled out, signed, and notarized appropriately. **ONLY ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Process:

1. Meet with the Volunteer Coordinator and complete the paperwork/schedule availability.
2. The volunteer organization will be contacted concerning ride-a-long scheduling.
3. The Ride-a-Long Applicant will be notified concerning their ride-a-long.

Rules:

- Appropriate clothing is to be worn to include enclosed footwear, long pants and a plain shirt that is preferably dark blue.
- A Ride-a-Long outside of EMT Training is for observation only and cannot participate in the mitigation of any emergencies or operate as an emergency responder.
- A Ride-a-Long Applicant can only ride with Stafford County Fire Rescue a maximum of three (3) times within one year.
- The Ride-a-Long Applicant must not be in the Stafford County Fire Rescue station after 2200 Hours.
- A Ride-a-Long applicant that is 16 or 17 years old can only ride on an Ambulance/Medic Unit.
- All scheduling is to be done through the Volunteer Coordinator and noted on Crewsense.

This program is voluntary and conducted in the interest of public enlightenment. Stafford County Fire Rescue Department reserves the right to limit or exclude any person from participation in this program when it is deemed by the Department that the person's participation would not be in the best interest of the Department, any of its individual members, the public, or when it might be reasonably be construed that a conflict of interest may exist or come to exist between the applicant and the Department or its mission.

**STAFFORD COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a member of any civic organization: YES NO

If yes, list organization name and your position: _____

Reason you are requesting to ride:	<input type="checkbox"/> Interested in Fire and/or EMS
	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT Student <input type="checkbox"/> AEMT Student <input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic Student
	Class Location and Instructor: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT Release <input type="checkbox"/> AEMT Release <input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic Release
	Virginia Certification Number: _____

Have you ever completed a Ride-Along with this department: YES NO

If yes, list approximate dates: _____

Have you ever been refused participation in this program: YES NO

If yes, list approximate date and reason: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

By signing below, I affirm that the information contained in this application is true and accurate:

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

**STAFFORD COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND ASSUME RISK**

In consideration of Stafford County, Virginia (“the County”) and the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department (“the Department”) allowing me to participate in the Ride-Along Program, I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and the Department, and their officers, employees, and agents from any claims, demands, suits, and actions of any kind or nature, whether at law or equity, arising from my participation in the Ride-Along Program, provided that such liability is not attributable to the sole negligence of the County or Department.

I understand that my participation in the Ride-Along Program involves risk of injury, including serious and disabling injury, and even the possibility of death. The risk of injury involved includes, but is not limited to, cuts/lacerations, bumps/bruises/contusions, sprains, strains, dislocations, fractures, burns, and gunshot wounds, and even the possibility of death. I also understand and recognize that there are many other serious and disabling injuries which may arise due to my participation in this activity and that it is not possible to specifically list each and every individual injury risk. By signing this Agreement, I desire, consent, and voluntarily choose to participate in the Ride-Along Program. Knowing the material risks and appreciating, knowing, and reasonably anticipating that serious and disabling injury or death is a possibility, I assume all of the risks normally incident to the nature of the activities involved as a participant in the Ride-Along Program and agree that the County and the Department, and their officers, employees, and agents shall not be responsible for any injury to me. I understand that any medical expenses resulting from any injury shall be my responsibility and the County and the Department shall not be responsible for any medical expenses.

Knowing the material risks and appreciating, knowing, and reasonably anticipating that damage or injury to my personal property is a possibility, including its complete destruction and total loss, I also assume all of the risk normally incident to the nature of the activities involved in the Ride-Along Program and agree that the County and the Department, and their officers, employees, and agents shall not be responsible for any damage or injury to my personal property.

**STAFFORD COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM MINOR APPLICANT WAIVER OF CIVIL LIABILITY**

IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, THE INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED:

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is requesting to participate in the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department Ride-Along Program. I hereby give my permission for _____ to participate in the Ride-Along Program and agree to all terms set forth in the Ride-Along Agreement to Indemnify, Hold Harmless, and Assume Risk.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

This space is reserved for the Notary Public

**THIS DOCUMENT MUST HAVE THE NOTARY SEAL/STAMP IN ORDER
TO BE ACCEPTED**

County/City of _____ Commonwealth/State of _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this

_____ day of _____, _____, by _____
DAY OF MONTH MONTH YEAR PERSON SEEKING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRINTED NOTARY PUBLIC NAME

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE

My Commission Expires: _____

Registration Number: _____
(If State required)

Place Notary Seal/Stamp Here

**STAFFORD COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM WAIVER OF CIVIL LIABILITY**

I agree to comply with all rules and regulations of the Ride-Along Program and any instructions, directions, and orders issued by members of the Department or any County officer, employee, or agent in connection with the Ride-Along Program. I also agree to all terms set forth in the Ride-Along Agreement to Indemnify, Hold Harmless, and Assume Risk.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

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TRAINING DIVISION USE ONLY:

Applicant approved: OBSERVATION ONLY SUPERVISED PARTICIPATION

Applicant denied/reason: _____

Training Division Signature

Printed Name

Date

**STAFFORD COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM APPLICANT CONFIDENTIALITY & NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

I _____ understand that Stafford County Fire and Rescue provides services to patients that are private and confidential and that I am a crucial step in respecting the privacy rights of Stafford County Fire and Rescue's patients. I understand that it is necessary, in the rendering of Stafford County Fire and Rescue services, that patients provide personal information and that such information may exist in a variety of forms such as electronic, oral, written or photographic and that all such information is strictly confidential and protected from improper use and disclosure by federal and state laws.

I agree that I will comply with all confidentiality and security policies and procedures set in place by Stafford County Fire and Rescue during my experience as a student/guest/trainee with Stafford County Fire and Rescue. If at any time I knowingly or inadvertently breach the patient confidentiality or security policies and procedures, I agree to notify the Privacy Officer of Stafford County Fire and Rescue immediately.

I also understand that I may be exposed to other confidential or proprietary information of Stafford County Fire and Rescue and I agree not to reveal any of that information to anyone at any time.

In addition, I understand that a breach of patient confidentiality may result in immediate suspension or termination of the privilege to gain clinical experience or observe the activities of Stafford County Fire and Rescue. Upon termination of this privilege for any reason, or at any time upon request, I agree to return any and all patient confidential information in my possession. As a general rule, I understand that any patient or confidential information that I see or hear while a student/guest/trainee will stay here at Stafford County Fire and Rescue when I leave.

I have been given an overview of the privacy policies and procedures and have been given access to review those policies. I agree to abide by all policies or my privilege to participate in clinical activities or to otherwise observe Stafford County Fire and Rescue activities will be terminated.

Applicant Signature

Date