



# SOUTHERN PLATTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

*(Please print or type all information legibly.)*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark the appropriate box and complete necessary information if indicated.**

Career Firefighter Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firefighter Candidate Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Day of the Week Desired: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state the purpose of your Ride-Along request (Check boxes that apply):

Professional Development  Interested in Fire Service  Interested in SPFPD

School Credit  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### WAIVER RELEASE

In consideration of the training and educational programs and my being allowed to observe procedures and activities connected with the Southern Platte Fire Protection District (aka SPFPD) as a Ride-Along observer in a vehicle operated by an officer or person employed by the SPFPD; and I the undersigned and the parent or guardian of the undersigned (if applicant is under age 18) waive all right to any and all claims we may have against SPFPD, hereby assume all risk of personal injury or death, and property damage or loss from whatever causes, arising while I am approaching, entering, riding or being on, disembarking from or leaving, or being about any department vehicle or property, or while observing fire department activities, including, but not limited to fire patrol and investigation; and release said governmental agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents and servants from any liability therefore, or for contribution as a joint tortfeasor therefore, and will indemnify, defend and save harmless said corporation, its officers, officials, employees, agents and servants from any such liability or contribution to such liability, that I may sustain as a result of riding as such as a SPFPD Ride-Along observer.

I have received and read the Southern Platte Fire Protection District Ride-Along Guidelines. I understand the requirements and prohibitions contained therein, and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required if Applicant is Under 18:**

Parent/Guardian printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EmergencyContact/Guardian Contact Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_



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### **RIDE-ALONG GUIDELINES**

Welcome to the Southern Platte Fire Protection District Ride-Along Program. In order to make your ride-along experience more enjoyable the following conditions must be adhered to:

- Applicant must complete a Ride-Along Release form. We prefer that the form be submitted at least seven (7) days prior to the requested ride-along date.
- Applicants under the age of 18 years of age must have the permission of a parent or legal guardian and their signature must be present on the Ride-Along Release form. (The minimum ride-along age is 17 years old).
- The general ride-along period is from 0800 to 1700 hours. A Chief Officer or Company Officer may modify this time if necessary.
- Applicants will be notified of their scheduled date and time for a ride-along.
- Applicants must be dressed in business-like attire or clean casual attire. Dark dress or uniform pants, solid color shirt, and black or brown leather footwear are appropriate examples. No blue jeans, tennis shoes, or unprofessional appearance will not be allowed. Because the ride-along is accompanying fire department personnel, they are expected to wear modest clothing that is maintained to the same standards as the fire department personnel.
- The person must be physically capable of mounting and dismounting apparatus without delay and without assistance as to not interfere with the timely response and/or movement of the fire unit or fire company.
- The person shall be restricted to ride on an apparatus that is under the direct supervision of a Company or Chief Officer. Applicants must remain in the patrol vehicle unless given permission to leave the vehicle by the accompanying officer.
- The person must remain outside the emergency scene limits that are established by the incident commander or the safety officer.
- The person shall not perform any tasks unless specifically authorized by the IC. The IC shall not authorize a ride-along to take any action that would place them within the perimeter of the emergency scene, a hazardous area or that would require personal protective gear.
- Applicants should feel free to ask questions.
- Applicants or the organization may terminate the ride-along at any time.

We hope your experience as a SPFPD Ride-Along observer will be educational and enjoyable.