



Columbia Fire & Rescue
City of Columbia
Ride-A-Long Program
Participant Waiver of Liability



Ride-Along Program
Release and Waiver

I, _____, for and in consideration of the City of Columbia allowing me to participate in a Ride-Along Program which entitles me to be present in Columbia Fire & Rescue (hereinafter "Department") vehicles during the actual working hours of Department personnel while responding to emergency scenes and to be present in the fire station and observe the activities of the Department, do hereby agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge and understand that by participating in this program, I am exposing myself to all risks normally associated with firefighting and rescue activity, and I expressly assume such risks.
2. I understand that while participating in this program, I will be assigned to one or more Fire & Rescue officers and agree that I will, at all times, follow the instructions and obey commands issued by those officers or by superior officers.
3. I further understand that I am responsible for conducting myself in the following manner:
 - (a) I shall at all times be clean and appropriately dressed. Where questions arise pertaining to suitability of attire, the final decision will be made by the Chief or assigned officer.
 - (b) I shall be issued an identification card to be worn in full view on the outside of my clothing.
 - (c) I shall not carry or possess weapons of any kind while participating in the ride along program.
4. I recognize that there are particular risks associated with the Ride-Along Program and Department activities and, in order to participate in this program, on my behalf and behalf of my heirs, executors and assigns, I do hereby waive liability and release and forever discharge the City of Columbia and its agents, officers, and employees from all manner of actions or cause of action, suits, debts, or claims for damages or injuries whatsoever, in law or equity, which I might have against the City of Columbia, its agents, officers, employees, and assigns by reason of any cause or thing whatsoever. This release and waiver includes, but is not limited to, waiver of all claims, suits and causes of action based upon negligence or tortious act or conduct by the City of Columbia, its agents, officers, or employees. I realize that by virtue of this provisions, I am waiving specific rights of recovery for injuries or damages which I may suffer and other rights which I may have and I knowingly do so by execution of this release and waiver.

Signature

Date

Parents or guardian if ride-
along is under 18 yrs of age

Witness

Date