



# COLUMBIA FIRE & RESCUE



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## RIDE-ALONG PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Persons riding along shall be physically able to enter and exit the fire apparatus without assistance and in a timely manner, which will not hinder fire operations
- Persons riding along shall not have a preexisting medical condition that might be exacerbated by responding or observing fire dept. operations
- Ride along guests shall act professionally and safely at all times throughout the ride along
- All participants shall be able to effectively communicate with with all fire dept. members
- Participants shall remain in common areas for the duration of the ride-along
- Participants shall follow directions from their assigned company officer/firefighter and remain under their supervision at all times
- At a medical incident, the participant shall take on scene direction from their assigned company officer/firefighter
- At non-medical incidents, guests shall only observe fire company operations and shall not interfere with activities taking place
- Participants may only leave the cab of the engine at the scene of the incident with permission from their assigned company officer/firefighter
- Participants shall wear seatbelts
- Tobacco use is prohibited
- Sweat pants, shorts, skirts, or dresses are prohibited
- Clothing with writing or pictures will not be permitted to be worn
- Open-toed or high-heeled shoes shall not be worn, shoes with skid resistant soles are mandatory
- Participants will be required to follow fire department safety guidelines and wear personal protective equipment as directed
- The assigned company officer reserves the right and has the authority to terminate the ride-along at any time