



RIDE-ALONG WAIVER

THIS WAIVER OF RIGHTS MUST BE SIGNED BY ANY PERSON APPROVED TO RIDE AS AN OBSERVER

ALL OBSERVERS MUST BE APPROVED BY A LINE OFFICER OR DUTY CREW LEADER

In consideration of being allowed to observe the activities and operations of the Earlysville Volunteer Fire Company (EVFC), such observation being entirely for the benefit of the undersigned and not for EVFC, the undersigned does hereby WAIVE any and all rights of action against EVFC, its officers, and/or members, for any injury or damages the he or she might suffer while participating in the observation including, but not limited to property damage, injury, exposures to infectious or communicable disease, contracting an infectious or communicable disease, emotional distress, and psychiatric disturbance or disease.

It is acknowledged by the undersigned the EVFC activities may be and usually are inherently dangerous because of the multiple hazards encountered by emergency service response. Such hazards include, but are not limited to the risk of accident and/or injury from bystanders or traffic, exposure to hazardous materials, and communicable/infectious disease, which diseases may or may not be known to the responders and which may not be curable and may adversely affect the health of the undersigned or cause disablement or death to the undersigned. It is further understood that it is impossible for EVFC personnel to insure the complete safety of the undersigned.

The undersigned, being fully aware of the potential for injury or damage, nonetheless assumes the risk of injury and/or damage. This Waiver shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, and assigns.

I HAVE FULLY READ THIS ENTIRE WAIVER, AND UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER I AM WAIVING LEGAL RIGHTS AND THAT MY SIGNATURE HEREON HAS LEGAL SIGNIFICANCE. I HAVE NO QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONTENTS OF THIS WAIVER AND UNDERSAND THAT EVFC PERSONNEL ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO VARY ITS TERMS.

Printed Name:	
Signed:	Date:

If under 18 years of age, parents or legal guardian printed name and signature

Authorized By:	Date:
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RIDE-ALONG GUIDELINES

1. Prospective members that are participating as a ride along must sign the ride along waiver and have an officer sign it. If they are under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also sign the form. They are not allowed to participate until a form is signed.
2. A ride along will yield their position on any piece of apparatus to any senior or junior member available to run a call, as determined by the officer in command.
3. A ride along is not permitted to occupy the officers seat.
4. A blue "Observer" traffic vest must be worn at all times by a ride along when on a call. These vests are located in the bay by the duty crew equipment hooks.
5. A ride along **WILL NOT** actively participate in any fire or rescue operation, and will remain with the driver, officer, or in the truck as deemed by the incident commander or the apparatus officer.
6. Safety is of prime importance. A ride along will report to the duty crew officer to be briefed on safety procedures and to arrange for adequate communications at a scene.
7. The ride along dress code is as follows:
 - Collared shirt or t-shirt, preferably dark blue or white in color.
 - Pants should be neat and clean with no holes, preferably dark blue in color however blue jeans are acceptable.
 - Shoes/Boots should be in good condition and have no holes in them. Shoes must completely cover the foot, no opened toed shoes or sandals. If you have a pair of steel toed boots, it would be good to wear them.
 - In cold weather, a jacket should be brought.
 - No clothing worn by the ride along should have obscene or graphic saying or pictures on them.
8. The ride along shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
9. The ride along shall not use a radio for any communications unless directed to do so by the officer in an emergency situation or they are in danger themselves.
10. No ride along may be under 16 years of age.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the ride along being asked to correct the problem, or leave the grounds. Failure to follow these guidelines may also result in the delay or denial of a membership application if one was turned in. If you have any questions or concerns, please see the officer on duty or a chief officer. By signing the ride along form, you are agreeing to follow these guidelines.