



CHARLOTTESVILLE - ALBEMARLE RESCUE SQUAD

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE



TOPIC: Ride Along Program	S.O.P. # 1.11
Approved by: Lair D. Haugh, Chief	Revised: Reviewed:

I. PURPOSE

- a. To provide the citizens, firefighters and rescue squad personnel of the region an opportunity to observe in a controlled environment the delivery of emergency medical care and rescue operations.
- b. As a tool for recruitment of future members.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Private citizens with no medical background.
- b. Fire/Rescue personnel from the surrounding areas.
- c. Medical professionals.
- d. All observers must be 18 years or older, and have no criminal history.

III. GENERAL

- a. All ride-alongs shall complete a liability waiver form before being allowed to participate.
- b. All ride-along observers must be approved by the Duty Officer for each observational experience and will be assigned according to staffing needs.
- c. Private citizens are allowed one observational experience per calendar year. The Duty Officer must approve exceptions.
- d. Fire/Rescue personnel are allowed unlimited observer privileges as staffing allows.
- e. Pre-probationary members take precedence over observers and may be sent on calls in place of the observer.
- f. Observers shall conform to dress code standards as outlined in the appropriate SOG.