

## **WEATHERFORD FIRE RESCUE**

### **CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG AGREEMENT**

**Instructions:** Read this form carefully and complete all sections applicable to the applicant. Pay particular attention to each rule. After reading and completing the form, sign it in the presence of a Notary Public. Submit the notarized form to Weatherford Fire Rescue Administration Division.

I, (print full legal name) \_\_\_\_\_, wish to observe members of Weatherford Fire Rescue perform their duties. This observation will include riding in fire vehicles with members of Weatherford Fire Rescue. These activities may include situations where I may suffer damage to my person or property.

I am freely and voluntarily requesting permission to participate in the Ride-Along Program. This program does not entitle me to, nor will I request, any compensation. I understand that permission to participate in this program may be revoked at any time.

In consideration of the above granted authority to observe and other good and valuable consideration, I, my assigned heirs, executors, or agents hereby agree to hold the City of Weatherford and Weatherford Fire Rescue harmless. I agree to indemnify the City of Weatherford, Weatherford Fire Rescue, and their agents and employees from any claims, damages, losses, and expenses arising out of the above described observations, and related activities, which is for bodily injury, illness or death, or property including loss of use.

If you want to ride with a employee please enter his/her name. Enter the date and time frame you want to ride.

Employee Name (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Requested Ride Date \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Requested Ride Time \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to participate in the Citizen Ride-Along Program because (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### **CITIZEN RIDE-ALONG ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM RULES Read and initial each rule.**

1. At least eighteen (18) years of age. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
2. No felony convictions involving violence or any conviction involving moral turpitude. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
3. No felony convictions in the previous five (5) years. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
4. No arrest, protective custody detention, hazardous traffic citation, or suspect involvement in a felony crime or crime of moral turpitude in the previous twelve (12) months. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ride-along passenger attire shall be business or business casual. Shorts, tank tops and sandals are not permitted. Collarless shirts are not permitted for males. Attire, including headgear, shall be free of slogans, phrases, or any advertising determined to be inappropriate or offensive to any person or persons, race, color, creed, ethnic origin, gender, age, or physical or mental disability *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
6. Ride-along passengers shall conduct themselves in a civil and professional manner and refrain from language or engage in acts that are offensive to any person or persons, race, color, creed, ethnic origin, gender, age, or physical or mental disability. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
7. Ride-along passengers shall be under the direct control of the assigned officer and not interfere with firefighters while performing their duties. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_

8. Ride-along passengers are authorized to observe only. Passengers shall not perform fire or EMS related duties or act unless directed to do so by a firefighter. In an emergency, passengers may take appropriate action to protect themselves and/or firefighter. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
9. Ride-along passengers may not accompany a firefighter into a private residence without the permission of the property owner or authorized representative, unless their presence is required to assist the firefighter. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
10. Passengers are not permitted to carry firearms while participating in a ride-along regardless of any license or permit issued to the passenger pursuant to the provisions of the Texas LTC or a similar act from another state or country. Exceptions will be considered for commissioned and retired law enforcement officers who are current with all state and Federal mandated training and who have current commission and TCOLE/POST credentials in their possession. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
11. Ride-along passengers are not permitted to carry or use any cameras, video or audio recording devices while participating in a ride-along. Passengers shall silence all personal communication/wireless devices. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
12. A supervisor or participating firefighter may terminate the privileges of a ride-along passenger without explanation. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_
13. This form must be submitted at least five (5) working days prior to the requested ride-along date.

Request for exception to rules 1 -13 (explain in detail): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I have read, understand, and agree to abide with the agreement and rules pertaining to the Citizen Ride-Along Program.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Driver License No. and State \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (SEAL) My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public

**The following sections for Fire Administration use only**

Supervisor comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Approved     Denied

Fire Chief / Operations Chief

Note: \_\_\_\_\_

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