

Greenville Fire/Rescue Department

GUEST RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

RULES

1. All interested riders must make an appointment to complete necessary paperwork, establish the ride schedule and review these rules. You may contact:

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2. All riders must be 18 years of age or older. Applicants who are 16-17 years old, who have a letter from their school/Guidance Counselor supporting their interest in GFR or a similar career, may participate pending parental approval.
3. All riders must sign an Assumption of Risk form in the presence of a Notary Public (this may be accomplished when you come to the Fire/Rescue Department). No rider will be placed on the schedule until the form is completed and in possession of the Administrative Assistant or other appropriate GFR representative.
4. Rides may be scheduled only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 p.m., 7 days a week. There are no exceptions to this rule.
5. Time slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. No special privileges or priorities are given.
6. You must arrive by the predetermined, scheduled time or risk losing the time slot altogether.
7. You may ride beyond the scheduled time slot, provided (1) there is no other rider scheduled, and (2) the time is not beyond the 11 p.m. limit.
8. Upon arrival at your assigned station, you are to check-in with the Officer in-charge and verify that you have parked appropriately (in the GFR employee parking lot) and learn the response procedures.
9. Please contact Kristin Gibson as early as possible if you are not able to fulfill your scheduled ride time.
10. You must obey all rules and regulations of the City of Greenville, the Greenville Fire/Rescue Dept., and specific commands given by Station Officers and scene Incident Commanders.
11. **All riders are serving in an observation role only and are not permitted to render patient care, or administer any BLS or ALS procedures.**

EXCEPTIONS:

- a) EMT students riding for field precept time are permitted to conduct patient assessments, communicate with online medical control and administer appropriate BLS and ALS care within the scope of their training and under the direct supervision of a certified preceptor employed by the Greenville Fire/Rescue Department.

- b) Physicians who have completed the Brody School of Medicine's Medical Control course or are otherwise qualified to serve as on-scene medical control may assume full medical responsibility for the patient and become directly involved in patient care if allowed by the GFR EMS Specialist in charge of the EMS unit. This physician assumes all liability and responsibility for patient care.

12. No person shall be eligible to participate in the GFR ride along program for the following reasons:

- a) Convicted of a felony involving violence, controlled substances, assault, or theft and citizenship rights not reinstated.
- b) On probation for any offense involving violence, controlled substances, assault or theft.
- c) Convicted within 5 years of any offense involving violence, controlled substances, assault or theft.
- d) Any person required to register as a sex offender and has been convicted as a sex offender.
- e) Any person who was barred or prohibited from entry into any hospital, medical facility or business for any reason.

CLOTHING

Our goal with clothing is to present a clean, casual, and professional appearance while maintaining safety. In summary, we expect plain business casual clothing. Safety vests may be provided.

1. No denim of any type or color may be worn; this applies to pants, shirts, jackets, etc.
2. The shirt/blouse must have a collar. T-shirts, sweatshirts, scrubs or any other uniform shirt or pants are not allowed.
3. A dress or skirt may be worn, although it is not recommended, instead a full length pair of slacks is preferred. No shorts or Capri length slacks are allowed.
4. No large logos or insignias of any type may be worn. A small branding logo of a shirt (typically on the left chest) is allowed.
5. The shoe must cover the foot. Tennis shoes, leather/vinyl shoes, boots, etc. are allowed, however, sandals, Crocs and flip-flops are not allowed.
6. Ties, scarves and other clothing may be worn around the neck, although they are not recommended.
7. The use of jewelry MUST comply with Greenville Fire/Rescue's policy:

"Jewelry. No jewelry is to be worn, with the exception of one wristwatch, a maximum of two rings on fingers, and a medical alert bracelet/charm. A necklace is allowed provided it is worn behind the shirt and without a large pendant. Female firefighters may wear only one pair of post-style earrings, one on each ear lobe, which do not extend lower than the ear lobe. No other piercings are allowed for females. Males may not have any piercings while on-duty."

NO other jewelry or adornments, other than those items expressly identified in the policy statement above may be worn.

EXCEPTION: EMT students riding for field precept time may be permitted to wear a uniform issued by their school provided that the shirt has a collar, any logo must identify the person as a student, and it does not appear identical to a Greenville Fire/Rescue uniform.