



## Ride Along Program

### *Rules of Conduct*

#### **General Conduct:**

- Ride-alongs are limited to the hours of 0830-2000.
- Under no circumstances will an observer stay overnight at a fire station.
- Observers are permitted **one** ride-along per person, unless there are no emergency calls during the schedule ride time.
- In the event of a safety or conduct concern, any member of the crew may ask observer to remove themselves from the scene to wait in a department vehicle.
- Observers are expected to act in a manner that reflects a positive image of the department.
- No firearms and/or other weapons permitted on city property at any time.
- No alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted on city property.
- Use of tobacco products is strictly prohibited in any station or vehicle.
- At no time will observers be permitted to take pictures, video, or use any other audio/visual recording device while on an emergency scene.
- Observers will wear a seatbelt at all times while riding in department vehicles.
- Observers will treat private health information as strictly confidential.
- Observers will be responsible for bringing his/her own meals or may bring cash to make arrangements to buy-in for meals with the on-duty crew.

#### **Dress and Appearance:**

- Observers must be neat and clean in appearance. Personal hygiene and grooming must be acceptable to the shift Lieutenant and/or Battalion Chief.
- Observers will wear suitable attire. Dress in a plain shirt, pants and sturdy shoes. Dresses, sandals, leggings, tank tops, sweatpants and jeans with holes are not acceptable attire. Observers will be required to wear a department smock or other department uniform clothing over their shirt for identification purposes. **WANIC students** may wear class emblem shirt/sweatshirt, plain pants and sturdy shoes.
- If observer is dressed inappropriately on arrival, they will not be allowed to ride.
- Long hair will be pulled back and tied in a neat ponytail or bun style.