



**SOUTH JEFFERSON
RESCUE SQUAD, INC.
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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide EMT, Advanced EMT, EMT-CC and EMT-P candidates an avenue to fulfill the obligations set forth in their curriculum, also to allow the citizens the opportunity to experience the emergency medical services we provide.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the Chiefs or designee to enforce this policy.

3. PROCEDURE

- A) The approval of a Chief or designee is required prior to scheduling or involvement of Observers. Observers must be approved at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of a shift. Observers will only be scheduled with Crew Chief's who will accept responsibility of the observer.
- B) Prior to a rider being allowed to respond, they must complete a ride-along training program.
- C) Riders will not be allowed if the crew exceeds four (4) members.
- D) Only one rider per shift is allowed.
- E) Riders must be 16 years of age or older. If the rider is less than 18 years of age they need to adhere to SOP 650 for additional information.
- F) The crew chief has the authority to remove/reject any rider at any time into this program without explanation. In the event of injury to an observer or misconduct on the part of an observer, the Crew Chief shall notify the Executive and submit an incident report within one (1) hour of the incident.
- G) Observers shall only observe activities and shall not engage in any of the following activities:
 - a. Patient care
 - b. Patient lifting and moving
 - c. Utilization of equipment
- H) EMT students will not act above the level that they are certified or for students in an advanced program the skills they have been trained and authorized to perform, as documented on their skills sheet.
- I) No uniform is required to ride, however, no rips or tears or other unprofessional appearance will be allowed.



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- J) All riders should be in proper hygiene, hair combed and body in clean demeanor.
- K) No riders that have a physical or mental impairment that would endanger the safety or well being of themselves or the members of SJRS, including injuries and pregnancy, shall be permitted to ride under any circumstances.
- L) All riders shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- M) No rider shall be allowed to possess or carry any weapons or self-defensive devices.
- N) All riders are to adhere to the laws regarding patient confidentiality. Any violators will be subject to due prosecution.
- O) All riders will ride in the rear patient compartment of the ambulance, seat belted, when responding to emergency calls. Riders are not allowed to respond to the scene in their personal vehicle.
- P) All riders shall read, fully understand the guidelines then sign a waiver and release and confidentiality form PRIOR to the start of their scheduled shift.
- Q) Observer's time shall not be limited. Observer's who want to be considered for membership with SJRS must complete a minimum of five (5) calls.
- R) The Board of Directors can make exceptions.