



# Davis Fire Department

## Firefighter Observer Ride-Along Program

### Overview

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### OVERVIEW

The City of Davis Fire Department allows interested community members, 18 years of age and older, to participate in the Firefighter Observer Ride-Along Program (FORP), with on-duty emergency crews at our various fire stations. FORP is intended as an educational endeavor to acquaint community members with the fire and emergency medical services provided by their Department.

FORP promotes a better understanding of the routine and unsuspected challenges faced by firefighters. FORP also allows the public to experience emergency responses just as Firefighters do each day. Observers will have the opportunity to experience first-hand emergencies, both medical and fire related. When there are no active emergencies, Observers will experience life at the firehouse, while getting to know their community firefighters on a personable basis.

FORP is not ideal for everyone. Observers must possess the physical ability to rapidly get on fire apparatus to avoid response delays; withstand extreme weather elements common to Davis for extended periods of time; and be exposed to incidents which may involve violent traumatic crisis. The Department will make every effort to reasonably accommodate the needs of the Observer. For those that are not able to meet the physical requirements, the Department will accommodate station tours or other appropriate substitutes, if so desired.

Please go through the following steps to complete the Firefighter Observer Ride-Along Program packet:

STEP 1

Read the Overview Details: A glimpse into fire station life

STEP 2

Review the GUIDELINES Details: Where and to whom you report, what to expect, how to dress and roles and responsibilities on the day of the Ride-Along

STEP 3

Complete the REQUEST FORM Details: Enter contact information and desired dates for Ride-Along

STEP 4

Complete the LIABILITY WAIVER Details: Release for injury, illness or loss

STEP 5

Go through the HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) TRAINING SELF-STUDY PRESENTATION with on-duty personnel.

Details: Protection of health information and respect for patient privacy before, during and after the applicant completes the Ride-Along Program.

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/privacysummary.pdf>

STEP 6

Read and sign the RIDE-ALONG APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of HIPAA Obligations Details: The Requestor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of patient health information and respect patient privacy.

- *Once complete, mail or drop off at:*  
**Davis Fire Department, 530 Fifth St., Davis CA 95616**
  
- You will be contacted by a Department representative with further information.