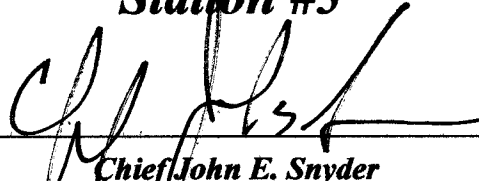


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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this guideline is to establish the procedures for any persons wishing to observe and/or ride-along with the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5.

2.0 Scope

This guideline shall apply to all persons wishing to observe and/or ride-along with the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5.

3.0 Definitions

Ride - Along – The act of participating in and responding to incidents and activities normally handled by the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5.

4.0 Guidelines

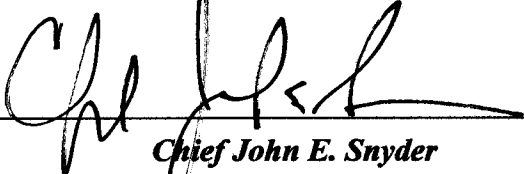
4.1 Consideration of Ride – Along Requests

- 4.1.1 Any person wishing to observe and/or ride-along with the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5 will see any line officer of the company to begin the consideration process and to obtain a release and rules document.
- 4.1.2 All persons wishing to ride-along will then completely fill out and comply with the ride-along forms and return them to Chief of the Department.
- 4.1.3 After receiving the appropriate forms, the Chief of the Department will make final approval and the ride-along will be notified of the result.
- 4.2.4 No person ever discharged from the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5 for disciplinary reason may be considered for observer/ride-along status.

4.2 Additional Rules Governing Observers / Ride - Alongs

- 4.2.1 All observers and/or ride-alongs will abide by all rules, regulations, guidelines and orders set forth by the Monroeville Fire Department and its personnel.
- 4.2.2 No observer/ride-along shall ride or attempt to use any fire department vehicle or equipment until such time as a duly authorized officer has reviewed the procedures and guidelines for riding or using said equipment.
- 4.2.3 Observers/ride-alongs shall have no physical or mental handicaps that may affect them during any participation in normal department activities or operations.

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4.3 Observer / Ride-along Guidelines

- 4.3.1 No observer/ride-along will engage in act or activity on the fire ground or training operation without approval from an authorized member of the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5.
- 4.3.2 All observer/ride-alongs will supply proper and complete personal protective equipment, which meets or exceeds the current standard set forth by the Monroeville Fire Department.
- 4.3.3 All observers/ride along will be supplied a helmet and personal accountability tags from Fire Company #5 to identify their accountability on the fire ground.
- 4.3.4 Upon completion of the ride-along all materials and equipment belonging to the Monroeville Fire Department will be returned.

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RIDE – ALONG / OBSERVER PROGRAM

RELEASE

In consideration of my permission from the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5 to enter upon the premises of any fire station or related entity, any other premises owned and/or operated and/or used by any fire station within the Municipality of Monroeville, and in further consideration of receiving permission from said Fire Department to participate in a ride along – observer program, wherein I will be riding in, on, or upon fire department vehicles or using other apparatus, the undersigned hereby releases the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5, the Monroeville Fire Department, the Municipality of Monroeville, and any and all agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, or other representatives of the foregoing from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of actions, whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, property damage, physical or mental injury, contagious disease, or death that may be sustained by me while in, on, or upon any premises, vehicles, or apparatus owned, occupied, or used by the foregoing, or which may be sustained by me while at the scene of any real or apparent emergency situation requiring a response from the Monroeville Fire Department, or while commuting to and from the fire station and other points.

I hereby certify that I am aware of the risk and hazards, including serious physical injury or death, inherent, upon participating in the ride-along observer program, that such risks and hazards may exist even in non-emergency situations, and being duly aware of such risks and hazards, I hereby elect voluntarily to participate in the ride-along observer program. I hereby assume all risks of loss, damage, injury, including death, which may be sustained by me or by any of my property while participating in the ride-along observer program.

This release shall be binding upon my relatives, spouse, heirs, distributes, next of kin, executors, administrators, and any other interested parties.

In signing this release I hereby acknowledge and represent:

- 1) That I have read and understand the rules and regulations outlined in the ride-along observer program.
- 2) That I have read, understand and sign voluntarily this release
- 3) That I am (18) years of age or older and that I am of sound mind and physical health
- 4) That any injuries or damage suffered by me will not be compensated by worker's compensation or any other insurance program maintained by the Monroeville Fire Department or the Municipality of Monroeville.
- 5) That I have never been dismissed from the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company #5 for disciplinary reasons.

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I also agree to the following guidelines:

1. I will abide by any and all applicable rules, regulations and guidelines of the department.
2. I will not ride or attempt to ride or use or attempt to use, any Fire Department vehicle or apparatus until such time as a duly authorized person has reviewed with me the procedures for riding or using the same.
3. I also agree that I have no physical or mental handicaps that may affect me during my participation in this program or which may be aggravated by my participation in this program.
4. I also authorize the Monroeville Fire Department or their representative to notify the following person in case of any accident in which I am involved while participating in this program or while I am commuting to and from the fire station or other points.

Name	Relationship
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Address

Telephone

5. Should I be a member of another fire/rescue association or department, I will disclose the name of such organization:

Name of Organization

Address of Organization

Telephone	Chief of the Department
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Name of Ride-Along	Signature of Ride-Along
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Date	Expected Ride-Along Dates
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Chief of the Department Approval	Date
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