



INDEPENDENCE FIRE DISTRICT

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Policies and Procedures for General Riding/Observing

1. Qualifications

All individuals requesting to ride/observe must be a member of an approved interagency agreement with the Independence Fire District (IFD). Currently, members of the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center (KCECC), Emergency Department nurses of St. Elizabeth hospitals, and members of the Independence Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) are permitted to ride with active crews. Observers will not be permitted if their name does not appear on an agency/program active roster provided to the Fire District by the agency/program liaison. All observers must read and sign the Confidentiality of Patient Information and Member Verification form along with the Hold Harmless Agreement prior to being allowed to ride on Fire District apparatus.

2. Observation Permissions

Only members of the KCECC and St. Elizabeth hospitals are permitted to ride on a Fire District ambulance. Only one (1) observer will be permitted to ride on each District ambulance at any time. Observers may be assigned to either 463 or 464. Observer scheduled ride times should be placed in the appropriate Ride Time calendar on the appropriate dates. Members of the CFA are permitted to ride on fire apparatus only.

All observers are to obey directions given to them by the duty crews at all times. At no time are observers allowed to be in unsafe locations (i.e. in an unsecured roadway, in an immediately dangerous to Life or Health environment, inside a patient residence, etc.).

Individuals from the KCECC and CFA will not be allowed to perform any medical treatments while observing. Registered nurses from St. Elizabeth hospital will be allowed to assist IFD staffing as requested in performing Cardiac Arrest Management with the use of an AED.

3. Dress Code

Each observer shall wear dark blue or black slacks. A light blue button-down dress shirt/blouse or the approved agency/program facility shirt may be worn. Observers from St. Elizabeth are permitted to wear their scrubs. Each observer shall have his or her agency/program identification name tag displayed at all times. No jeans or T-shirts will be allowed. Any observer who arrives improperly dressed will be asked to leave. Observers should provide their own appropriate outerwear as required by environmental conditions (i.e. coat, jacket, hat, rain gear, etc.).

4. Hours Available

Students will be permitted to ride on ambulances between the hours of 7:00 am until 10:00 pm.