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Policies and Procedures for Educational Riding/Observing

1. Student Qualifications

All students requesting to ride/observe must be in an approved EMT-Basic or Paramedic class or athletic training program with a current agreement in place for educational riding or observation purposes. Students will not be permitted if their name does not appear on a class roster provided to the Fire District by the class instructor. All students 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. Approved Student Skills

Each student should have a list of approved skills to show what skills they are and are not allowed to perform. EMT-Basic students may perform the following skills if they have been signed off on by their instructor: Oxygen Administration (nasal cannula, non-rebreather mask, bag valve mask ventilation), Airway Maintenance (oropharyngeal and/or nasopharyngeal airways, suction), Cardiac Arrest Management with the use of an AED, Medical Patient Assessment, Trauma Patient Assessment, bleeding control and shock management, immobilization skills (long bone, joint injury, traction splint), and Spinal Immobilization (seated patient and/or lying patient).

Paramedic students may perform all EMT-Basic skills along with Adult and Pediatric Endotracheal Intubation, Supraglottic Airway Device, Trauma Intubation, Digital Intubation, Needle Cricothyrotomy, Needle Decompression of Pneumothorax, Aerosolized Medication Administration, Intravenous Therapy, IV Bolus and Piggyback Therapy, External Jugular Vein Cannulation, Intraosseous Insertion/Infusion, Intramuscular/Subcutaneous Injection, and ACLS Cardiac Arrest Management.

Athletic training students shall be allowed to assist with Cardiac Arrest Management with the use of an AED, bleeding control and shock management, immobilization skills (long bone, joint injury, traction splint), and Spinal Immobilization (seated patient and/or lying patient).

No student skills may be attempted unless they have been signed off on by their class instructor.

3. Number of Students Permitted to Ride

Only one (1) student will be permitted to ride on each District ambulance at any time. Students may be assigned to either 463 or 464. Student scheduled ride times should be placed in the appropriate Ride Time calendar on the appropriate dates.

4. Dress Code

Each student shall wear dark blue or black slacks. A light blue button-down dress shirt/blouse or the approved educational facility shirt may be worn. Students shall wear black shoes or work boots. Each student shall wear his or her educational facility name tag. No jeans or T-shirts will be allowed. Any student who arrives improperly dressed will be asked to leave. Students should provide their own appropriate outerwear as required by environmental conditions (i.e. coat, jacket, hat, raingear, etc.).

5. Preceptors

Only approved preceptors will be allowed to have students assigned to them. Preceptors should complete all appropriate paperwork for the student. If an approved preceptor is not available, the student shall not be allowed to participate in ride time.

6. Hours Available

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