



**\*\*PLEASE READ REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM\*\***

**SCOTTSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
IS THIS FOR A RIDE ALONG OR A STATION VISIT/TOUR? \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON FOR VISITING/RIDING \_\_\_\_\_  
PREFERRED DATE TO VISIT/RIDE \_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE? \* \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS AND RELEASE**

This is a working Fire Station. **I agree and understand that I am responsible for my own/my child's safety.** Emergency vehicles may be in motion in and around the station and I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that I am/my child is away from any and all vehicles. I understand that garage doors may open and close without notice and that I am responsible to keep myself/my child completely clear of the garage door area, including hinges, at all times. I understand that floors may be slippery or wet, which can result in falls and injury. I understand there are dangers to climbing onto and in/out of fire apparatus and in riding thereon. I understand that cuts, bruises, broken bones, exposure to heat, heat exhaustion, physical exhaustion, injury from inhalation of fumes or smoke, head injury, or other serious physical injury or death may occur while at the Fire Station, while entering/exiting and/or riding on fire apparatus, and/or participating in the citizen academy. **I agree that my/my child's physical condition and safety is my responsibility and that I have full knowledge of the risks involved.**

***By signing below, I agree on behalf of myself, my representatives and heirs that I have read both sides of this form, and in consideration for my/my child's right to participate in this event:***

- 1) I voluntarily elect or accept and solely assume all risk of damages and injury, including death, incurred or suffered by me/my child while participating in this event, and
- 2) I hereby waive, release, and agree to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the City of Scottsdale and its representatives, elected or appointed officials, officers, directors, commissioners, agents, employees, volunteers, successors and assigns to the fullest extent allowed by law from any and all claims, suits, actions, expenses, damages, and losses without limitation for personal or bodily injury, wrongful death, and property damage occurring, arising from, related to or resulting from participation in this event.

**AUTHORIZATION REGARDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:** I hereby authorize City of Scottsdale staff to obtain any needed medical assistance in case of an emergency, illness, or accident. I understand that any resulting expenses or charges are my responsibility and I will pay them immediately, either directly or through personal insurance.

As a participant in this event, I understand that it is my responsibility to wear proper attire, including proper protective footwear. With ridealongs, proper attire and footwear (i.e – long pants, closed toe shoes, etc). I understand that I am responsible for paying for my own lunch and must provide my own transportation to and from the Fire Department.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT (age 18 and over) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\* IF A MINOR/JUVENILE, SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Additional waiver must be completed and signed by parent/guardian on his/her own behalf if also attending event.*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

SIGNATURE OF CAPTAIN OR BATTALION CHIEF \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DENIED (Reason for Denial) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/TIME SCHEDULED FOR RIDEALONG \_\_\_\_\_

A-Shift \_\_\_\_\_ B-Shift \_\_\_\_\_ C-Shift \_\_\_\_\_ ASSIGNED TO CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY STATION CAPTAIN ON RIDEALONG DATE**

DATE OF RIDE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF RIDE: FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF CAPTAIN OR BATTALION CHIEF \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

***\*PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO PUBLIC EDUCATION OFFICER\*\****

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The Scottsdale Fire Department (“SFD”) maintains Fire Station visitation/tours, citizen academy, and ridealong programs so that members of the community may become familiar with day-to-day fire department operations and to increase public awareness of the fire department’s function in the community. Requests for Fire Station visits, tours, and ridealongs should be submitted 30 days in advance.

Participants in these programs must follow the direction of SFD personnel during a tour at all times. Any participant who fails to do so, or becomes disruptive, may be asked to leave immediately. Participants who appear to be ill, have the odor of alcohol or drugs, or otherwise appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to continue the visit. Participants may not bring weapons into Fire Stations or on ridealongs. Any violation of the rules will subject the participant to termination of the visit/tour/ride and probable preclusion from future participation in these programs.

Please call 480-312-8000 if you have any questions.

**FIRE STATION VISITS AND TOURS**

Fire station public visitation hours are between 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fire Stations remain “in-service” during visits/tours. Fire companies may need to respond to emergencies at any time. If they do, it will be necessary for the visit/tour to end and the visit/tour group to exit the station.

Visits/tours should be no longer than 45 minutes in duration. If longer tours are needed, they should be approved by the Fire Chief or his designee.

The maximum number of participants in a visit/tour is 30 people. If children are participating in the visit/tour, chaperones are required as follows: (1) With children ages 6 and above – a minimum of one non-SFD chaperone for every 5 children is required; (2) With children ages 5 and under – a minimum of one chaperone for every 2 children is required.

All children under the age of 14 years shall be under the direct supervision of a parent, legal guardian, or adult chaperone responsible for the group.

All visitors must sign the SFD Waiver of Liability and provide it to the Fire Chief or his designee in advance of the visit.

Visitors will be provided with a SFD escort.

Visitors are not permitted in bunk rooms.

Visitors are not allowed to ride on the fire apparatus, unless previously approved for a ridealong by the Fire Chief or his designee. Riders must be properly restrained, at least eight years of age, and at least 4’9” in height.

**RIDEALONG PROGRAM**

Eligible citizens are those that are at least 18 years of age (minors must be accompanied by an adult) and meet at least one of the following requirements. If you do not meet at least one of these requirements, you are not eligible for the ridealong program.

- Scottsdale resident, Scottsdale business owner, or Scottsdale city employee
- Scottsdale Fire employee's relative or friend
- Student of a Scottsdale school, including Scottsdale Community College
- Applicants for the position of Firefighter with the City
- Employees of another Fire agency visiting from another city, state, or country
- Recipient of Certificate through charitable program.

The ridealong is a four-hour ride. Ridealong participants may not ride more than once every 6 months unless approved by a Battalion Chief.

Up to four ridealongs a month for each shift may be scheduled. Approved ridealongs will be contacted by an SFD representative about where and when to appear for the ridealong.