



Reno Fire Department Ride Along Program –Instructions



The Reno Fire Department is pleased to offer our Ride Along program for anyone over the age of 18 that is interested in experiencing the life of a firefighter. Participants spend a nine hour day at one of our stations with the crew seeing firsthand what life in the fire house is like and how it feels responding to emergency calls.

To call for an appointment to submit the Ride Along Request Application and begin the process, please contact the Reno Fire Department Training Division at 775-333-7775 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. But first, please see the following instructions and guidelines for those interested in participating in the program.

Participation in the Ride Along Program requires:

- Application filled out and submitted with a copy of a valid Driver's license or State I.D. card.
- A clear background check.
- 18 years or older.
- Physically capable of climbing into and out of a fire engine (high steps) quickly.
- 9 hour time commitment for the Ride Along, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday (holidays excluded).

Participants are asked to follow the guidelines below when selecting their attire for their Ride Along:

- NO fire department emblems or logos on any article of clothing allowed.
- Jeans or slacks, any color, in good condition, no rips or holes.
- Solid color shirt, t-shirt, jacket, sweatshirt.
- NO facial piercings, dangling or excessive jewelry, due to safety issues.
- Closed shoes, no open toe sandals or high heels; tennis shoes or sneakers preferred.

Some additional information participants need to know:

1. Act professionally at all times. It is the discretion of the Captain to terminate the Ride Along at any time if he/she feels it is necessary.
2. Meals are the responsibility of the participant. Bring a lunch to put in the fridge at the station if you'd like.
3. Active participation during emergencies is not allowed. You are there to observe and will be expected to follow directions when asked without question during emergency situations.
4. Seat belts must be worn at all time when in the apparatus.
5. Cell Phone Usage: At no time may a cell phone be used for any reason while on a call; cell phones must be put away, no selfies. Cell phones may be used for class purposes during appropriate times when back at the station. No pictures allowed without RFD's permission. Use of cell phones outside these parameters will mean an immediate termination of the ride along.

We hope that you will enjoy your Ride Along experience. To get started, please fill out the Ride Along Request Application. All completed and signed forms must be submitted *via appointment* to the Reno Fire Department Training Division located at Reno City Hall, 1 East First St, 4th Floor, Reno, Nevada at least ten (10) working days prior to participation. Any questions please call 775-333-7775.



**RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT RIDE ALONG
PARTICIPANT WAIVER FORM**

Whereas, I _____
(Name – please print)

Being over the age of 18 and not being a member of the City of Reno Fire Department, have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a fire vehicle assigned to the Reno Fire Department and to accompany a member or members of the Fire Department during the performance of their duties; and

I AGREE:

1. That I am aware that the work of the Fire Department is inherently dangerous and that I may be subjected to the risk of death or personal injury or damage to my property by accompanying any member or members of the Fire Department and that I freely, voluntarily, and with such knowledge assume the risk of death, personal injury, or property damage arising from or in any way connected with the use of weapons; unlawful acts or forcible resistance by law violators or suspected law violators, assault, riot, breach of the peace, fire, explosion, gas, electrocution, or the escape of hazardous materials while accompanying a member or members of the Fire Department.
2. That the City of Reno, the City Council, City Manager, its officers and employees, Fire Chief, all members of the Fire Department of Reno, and each of them, shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss or expense, either to me or my property, incurred while riding in any vehicle assigned to the City of Reno or while accompanying any member or members of said department.
3. For myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to defend and indemnify the City of Reno, the City Council, City Manager, its officers and employees, Fire Chief in the City of Reno, all members of the Reno Fire Department, and each of the, against any and all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, or damage or liability of expense of every kind and nature incurred or arising by reason of any actual or claimed negligent or wrongful act or omission of mine while riding in any vehicle assigned to the City of Reno Fire Department or while accompanying any member or members of said department.

I HEREBY REPRESENT that I have carefully read and understand the contents of this document including the detailed instructions and procedures and signed the same of my own free will.

READ THIS DOCUMENT IN FULL BEFORE SIGNING

Reno Fire Department Designee

(Participant Signature)



RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT RIDE ALONG APPLICATION

Name: _____ (Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Occupation: _____ Business Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Driver's License ____/____ Other ID: _____ (State) (Number)

Fire Department Affiliation (if any) _____

Reason for Requesting Ride Along _____

Local Emergency Contact _____

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Applicant) Date: _____

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(For Admin Use Only)

Reviewed by: _____ Date/Time: _____

Disposition: Non-Professional _____ Professional _____

Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Remarks: (reason for denial) _____

Ride Along Assignment Duty Assignment: ____/____ Date _____ (Sta.) (Shift)



BACKGROUND REQUEST FORM

Please print legibly or your request will not be processed. Use your legal name and fill out all requested fields.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License Number: _____

Driver's License State of Issuance: _____

I hereby authorize the Reno Fire Department to conduct a basic background investigation on me for the purpose of obtaining permission to participate in a Ride Along.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Do not write below this line

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Background Conducted by: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____

Denied: _____