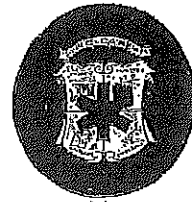


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## ACADEMIC RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

### Rules and Regulations

The ride-along program is a privilege offered by Charleston County EMS (CCEMS) offering current EMT, paramedic, or other DHEC approved program taught in the tri-county region to be eligible for ride-along status. Its primary purpose is to educate students in the medical field and provide clinical requirements for courses. Ride requests other than from approved academic or contractual sources will be considered by the CCEMS Director. CCEMS can reassign, postpone, or cancel any ride-along at any time.

1. Students participating in the ride-along program do so under the direction and written approval of their course instructors and cannot ride with CCEMS without this authorization.
2. CCEMS Headquarters must have the following in order to schedule an academic ride-along:
  - a. A copy of the student's driver's license
  - b. A completed original Academic Waiver signed by the student and instructor with a witness's signature with the attached ride schedule. Riders must read the waiver carefully and understand its contents before signing. CCEMS will give you a copy of your waiver and an ID badge, if needed.
3. No rider will be allowed to ride without an original waiver filed at CCEMS Headquarters—No exceptions. Once the waiver is accepted and signed by CCEMS, ride dates may be scheduled by verbal or written requests by students or their instructors.
4. An instructor may authorize someone for a ride-along who is scheduled to start courses in the near future by sending a written request by letter or business card.
5. On the day of the ride-along, the student must have in his/her possession to present to the crew chief, (1) a copy of the Academic Waiver signed/approved by all parties and CCEMS and, (2) the appropriate ID tag worn in a visible place.
6. Ride-along hours are from 0700 to 2200 hours. Riding later than 2200 hours may occur due to a busy call volume with the unit running calls back to back. The unit will return you to the station as soon as possible. A request to ride later than 2200 hours may be directed to the duty crew chief who will then seek approval from their immediate supervisor.
7. Attire must be professional and consist of a shirt with a collar, slacks worn with a belt, sturdy leather shoes with socks. No jeans, tee shirts, skirts, sneakers, open toed shoes, or high heels are allowed. Clothing must be in good repair and presentable with no visible advertising slogans, logos, or testimonials. No loose jewelry (bracelets, necklaces, etc.), earrings, or expensive garments. *If representing other government agencies, uniforms or collared shirts with the agency name are appropriate.* Anticipate the weather and come prepared.
8. A ride-along does so at the discretion of CCEMS and is under the supervision of the crew chief at all times and will conduct him or herself in an appropriate manner. The ride-along may be dismissed at any time by the crew chief.
9. Ride-alongs must clearly understand that they will be exposed to many situations and circumstances of a highly personal nature. They must understand the importance of patient confidentiality and agree not to divulge or publicize patients' names, conditions or other identifying information. This is a Federal legal statute (HIPAA).
10. A non-emergency phone number for the 9-1-1 Communications Center is 743-7200 and may be given to family in the event they need to contact you. EMS station phone numbers are not to be given out. Contact EMS Headquarters at 843.202.6700 to cancel or reschedule a ride date.