

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Ride-A-Long Firefighter Program

SECTION II 9.0 – 9.1

February 21, 2011

Approved by R. Dale Horne – Fire Chief

Page 1 of 2

9.0 PURPOSE:

- a. The Anderson Fire Department will support a ride-a-long firefighter program for the purpose of developing additional firefighting skills and maintaining interest of personnel. This program will potentially prepare the ride-a-long firefighters to become career firefighters with the AFD.

9.1 PROCEDURE:

- a. To be accepted as a ride-a-long firefighter applicants must be:
 1. at least 18 years of age
 2. a high school graduate or successfully complete GED
 3. South Carolina OSHA approved certified as interior structural firefighter, or equivalent
 4. United State citizen
 5. Physically capable of performing firefighter tasks
- b. Application Procedure
 1. Applicants must complete:
 - i. City of Anderson Application Form
 - ii. Background Check
 - iii. Drug screening
 - iv. Physical Agility Test
 2. The Fire Chief will review all applications for criteria
 3. Qualified applicants will be interviewed by the Fire Chief
 4. If accepted, applicants must successfully pass pre-employment medical physical examination and OSHA compliant respiratory examination
 5. Fire Chief will notify Personnel and Insurance services for purpose of establishing Workers Compensation coverage
 6. All ride-a-longs work at the pleasure of the City of Anderson and may be dismissed without cause, per City policy
- c. Ride-A-Long firefighters must:
 1. Complete the Probationary Checklist within 6 months of acceptance
 2. If volunteer provides his/her own personal protective equipment, the PPE must be inspected and deemed acceptable by the Assistant Chief
 - i. PPE will be provided to ride-a-longs by the AFD on an availability basis

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Ride-A-Long Firefighter Program

SECTION II 9.1

February 21, 2011

Page 2 of 2

3. Must have completed SCBA training and fit testing before being allowed to wear SCBA at emergency scene
4. Must provide documentation of Hepatitis B immunization before being allowed to participate in patient care
5. Receive permission from the Battalion Chief (or Shift Commander) to get a seat on the apparatus
6. Follow all directives of the Chain of Command and departmental SOPs

