
**CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT
EXPLORER POST 101**

Section: 3 Number: 3301

SUBJECT: Ride Outs

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POLICY:

All explorers in the Operations Division are encouraged to participate in at least eight (8) ride-outs per year. Explorers will do their first ride out with a Department Explorer Advisor. To schedule ride-outs, explorers will contact the advisor in charge of ride out scheduling with advance notice and at the appropriate time. The ride along program is at the explorer advisors' discretion and can be suspended for any amount of time for any reason. Explorers in the training division are unable to participate with ride outs. Explorers will be allowed to ride out after graduating into the operations division. The explorer's conduct, professionalism, knowledge, skills, and abilities need to be adequate in order to participate in the ride along program. If the explorer does not meet the above standards, the explorer will lose all privilege of riding out. Explorers cannot schedule ride outs until they have been successfully promoted into the operations division and all of the above requirements are met. After the Explorer has been certified and has ridden out with the assigned Department Explorer Advisor, they can then start to ride out at other stations, if permitted to do so by the station Captain and Department Explorer Advisor. If Explorer attempts to ride out before being certified, this will result in disciplinary actions.

Ride outs are permissible during post sanctioned events with the following exceptions:

- Explorers will leave the ride out and participate in the post sanctioned event.
- If a post sanctioned event is to be held at a fire station where the ride out is being carried out (i.e. station open house), the explorer will not participate with the duties of the ride out, but instead, of the duties of the post sanctioned event and will resume the ride out after the post sanctioned event is complete.