

Siloam Springs Fire Department Ride Outs:

What You Need To Know.

1. All clothing is to be of modest dress. Consider the climate and areas in which you may be exposed to while riding out on the ambulance. Terrain is unpredictable as is the weather.
2. Personal hygiene: Observers/Students are to report clean and well groomed. Cologne or perfume is prohibited as some patients may be allergic to it.
3. Proper attire: Observers/Students are to wear long pants preferable Black in color, along with a collared shirt, short or long sleeve depending on preference and weather. Monitor the weather on the days you are riding out to decide if other weather appropriate clothing may be needed. Dress in layers and not bulky clothing to avoid getting caught on objects in certain hazardous areas.
4. Shoes: Are to be closed toe and preferably support to or above the ankle due to terrain that you may be in. Black is the preferred color.
5. Upon arrival for your clinical rotation immediately notify the "Battalion Chief or the station Captain" for your assignment.
6. Once introduced to the Paramedic in charge of the ambulance you are to always look to him or her for instructions throughout the clinical rotation.
7. Students are encouraged to ask questions however remember sometimes questions may have to be deferred until after the call depending on the nature of the question. Remember you will be in contact with real patients and real situations so always keep the patients best interest in highest regards.
8. Students are encouraged to take part in the assessment and treatments of patients ONLY to your training and permission. NEVER perform skills that you have not been checked off to do or above your training level. However the student is encouraged to assist the Paramedic and ask questions about those skills when appropriate.
9. Tape recorders, cameras or other recording devices shall not be permitted unless specifically approved by the fire chief.
10. Students/Observers are prohibited by HIPAA from disclosing any protected health information or discussing individual patients, their treatment, and any other information that could be used to identify these patients with anyone except department personnel they are performing their ride-along with.
11. Students are expected to take part in training that the shift does as well as meals and station cleanup duties etc. Sometimes we cook and sometimes we don't so bring your own food or money for your meals be sure and ask your paramedic preceptor about the plans for the day when you arrive.
12. Safety is at the top of your and our list of priorities, if for any reason you feel unsafe for any reason be sure to notify the paramedic or station captain to express that concern so this can be resolved immediately. Students are to wear proper personal protective clothing including gloves on all patient contact this may include gowns and proper eye protection when necessary, Please follow the lead of the EMT and Paramedic and follow their instructions on what type of PPE should be used and when. Students will be provided with and required to wear an approved DOT reflective vest while working on any public roadway.
13. The Siloam Springs Fire Department is much like a family so please try and join the fun and the work ethic. We want you to have a very positive learning experience while you are here with us.