



**BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
RIDE ALONG PROGRAM APPLICATION
AND RELEASE FORM**
Applicants must be at least 16 years old

Mail completed application to:
Burlington Township Fire Department
1601 Burlington Bypass
Burlington, NJ 08016
Or give to any fire department member

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Init: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you have any physical limitations? No Yes

Describe: _____

Preferred Station: Station 301 - 1601 Burlington Bypass
 Station 302 - 1001 Beverly Road
 Station 303 - 1020 Neck Road

Preferred Time: Weeknight Evening 6 pm to 11pm
 Weekday 8 am to 4 pm

Fire District Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

Ride Along Date: _____

Station: _____

Responsible Officer: _____

Ride-Along Participant Responsibilities

Participants must be at least 16 years old

Dress and Appearance

Riders are in effect representing the Burlington Township Fire Department. Riders shall be neat and clean in appearance. Attire will be long pants or jeans, a shirt with a collar or a plain tee shirt. No writing or artwork is allowed on clothing except small brand logos are acceptable. Shoes must be flat, closed toe walking shoes, sneakers, or boots. (The following clothing is prohibited: open toe shoes, sandals, high heels, garments with offensive messages, or excessively loose garments) Outerwear should be appropriate for weather conditions. Riders will be supplied with a helmet and a high visibility traffic safety vest.

Rules of Conduct

Participants shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times while on Fire District property and/or during any function affiliated with this program as they represent the Burlington Township Fire Department.

The use of cameras, cellphones, or recording devices responding to, while on location, or returning from calls is not permitted.

Meals

Ride-Along participants are responsible for providing or paying for their own meals.

In Station Participation

Ride-Along participants may assist with washing vehicles, station cleanup, equipment checks, or other duties assigned by the officer in charge. Any lifting will be limited to less than 20 pounds.

Emergency Call Participation

No participant shall be permitted to engage in firefighting or be in the area of a hazardous condition involving the handling of dangerous chemicals, fumes, or vapors.

Participants are not permitted to attend hazardous materials incidents, incidents on Rt. 295, or the N.J. Turnpike.

Participants are not permitted to respond to cover assignments/mutual aid incidents with the exception of automatic aid with Burlington City.

Participants may only respond on apparatus (not in personal vehicles) when seating is available. It must be understood by the participant that based on the number of certified firefighters in the station that they may be left behind and to possibly respond with a second apparatus.

The participant shall remain in the crew cab during initial stages of any emergency operation to eliminate impeding operations.

The role of participants will be for observation purposes only unless directed by the officer in charge.

Participants shall wear seat belts while riding in vehicles.

Participants will remain in the immediate vicinity of their assigned vehicle unless directed otherwise.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, INDEMNITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

I, _____, the undersigned, fully understand that riding in fire apparatus is a dangerous activity which can result in personal injury and property damage. I realize that the risks inherent in riding in apparatus and observing emergency procedures include, but are not limited to, injury from collision, firefighting activities and the proximity of medical ailments, airborne or otherwise. I expressly assume all risks, including all personal injury and property damage. I further acknowledge that, during my participation and attendance in the Burlington Township Fire Department Ride-Along Program, I may be in a potentially dangerous environment. I understand that the activities can result in serious and **life threatening** injuries and illness, including death. I understand that I will be exposed to uncontrolled and unpredictable events including disturbing scenes, traumatic events and deaths. I further acknowledge that such risks or hazards may exist in non-emergency situations and while being on Burlington Township Fire Department premises and, being duly aware of all of the risks and hazards, and after reading and agreeing to abide by the Burlington Township Fire Department Ride-Along Guidelines, I hereby elect, voluntarily, to participate in the Ride-Along Program.

By signing the within Release of Liability, Indemnity and Assumption of Risk Agreement, I acknowledge that any injury, illness or other damage suffered by me will not be compensable by Workers' Compensation or other insurance programs maintained by the Fire District or Department. Furthermore, my signature is a statement that I have no medical, physical or mental condition that may affect my participation in the Program.

In consideration for permitting me to participate in the Burlington Township Fire Department Ride-Along Program, I hereby release Burlington Township Fire District No. 1, Burlington Township Fire Department and participating fire companies, Independent Fire Company No. 1, Beverly Road Fire Company No. 2 and Relief Fire Company No. 3, their directors, officers, shareholders, employees, agents, successors and assigns, from any and all rights, claims, demands, action and causes of action of any nature whatsoever, whether arising in law or in equity, by reason of any matter, cause, happening, thing, act or omission and, in particular, but without limiting in any way the generality of the foregoing, I do hereby release Burlington Township Fire District No. 1, Burlington Township Fire Department and participating fire companies, Independent Fire Company No. 1, Beverly Road Fire Company No. 2 and Relief Fire Company No. 3, their directors, officers, shareholders, employees, agents, successors and assigns, from any liability for personal injuries or property damage suffered or sustained by me, whether

caused by the inherent risks involved in riding in apparatus or caused either wholly or in part by the intentional or negligent act of its volunteers, employees, agents or representatives.

Furthermore, in consideration of permitting me to ride in the Ride-Along Program, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Burlington Township Fire District No. 1, Burlington Township Fire Department and participating fire companies, Independent Fire Company No. 1, Beverly Road Fire Company No. 2 and Relief Fire Company No. 3, for all liability caused either wholly or in part by me which results in personal injury or property damage including all losses, costs and attorney's fees, claims and judgment. In addition, I agree to indemnify, defend or hold harmless Burlington Township Fire District No. 1, Burlington Township Fire Department and participating fire companies, Independent Fire Company No. 1, Beverly Road Fire Company No. 2 and Relief Fire Company No. 3, their directors, officers, shareholders, employees, volunteers, agents, successors and assigns, for all liability for any acts of omissions which result in personal injury or property damage including all losses, costs, attorney's fees, claims and judgments whether committed either wholly or in part by the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of agents of Burlington Township Fire District No. 1, Burlington Township Fire Department and participating fire companies, Independent Fire Company No. 1, Beverly Road Fire Company No. 2 and Relief Fire Company No. 3, or any other person. I also agree to pay all costs and attorney's fees incurred in enforcing the terms of the Release of Liability, Indemnity and Assumption of Risk Agreement.

This Release of Liability, Indemnity and Assumption of Risk Agreement shall be binding upon me, my assigns, heirs and successors.

Signature

Name (Please Print)

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Date

Parent/Guardian (If less than 18 years of age)