



Citizen Third Rider Notes

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Grand Junction Fire Department. GJFD is a professional organization willing to provide citizens with the opportunity to observe medical and fire response on a non-emergent and emergent level. Many times it is difficult to understand the profession of a First Responder until you have seen it first-hand.

Please understand that we are an organization that has a ranked style structure. The station is supervised by a Captain. This is your initial contact person. As you arrive for the day, please introduce yourself, ask for the on-duty Captain, and be prepared to show your ID. The Captain will then direct and assign you to a crew member on either the ambulance or the engine which you will be the third rider. Your assigned crew member will orient you to the ambulance or engine which you are assigned. It is possible there may be some idle time between medical calls. The ride can last up to eight hours depending upon your arrival.

Calls may occur at any time. Be aware that you will need to go with your assigned unit on all responses. Please remain with your assigned employee on calls unless they direct you elsewhere. You may be requested to wear a safety vest or other necessary protective gear on certain calls.

Although we have computers throughout the fire station, these are City computers and are for City business. It is against City policy to use an employee login for non-employee access. Please do not ask to use the computers.

Fire station crew members engage in daily physical activity, which is necessary for the physical requirements of the job. Third riders will **not** be able to join in on these activities. Crew members are also expected to complete their assigned duties. Please allow them to do so.

The daily meal activities at the fire stations may vary. You will be invited to participate if you would like. If you participate, there will be a cost associated with this meal and you will also be expected to help with preparation and cleanup activities. Group lunch is not prepared on any day at the fire station. **Everyone brings their own lunch.** The meals that are prepared are firehouse type meals. There are no special dietary exceptions made. If you do not plan to participate in the meals at the station, please bring your own meals.

Attached you will find the Third Rider Citizen Expectations Form and the Release and Liability Waiver. Fill out these forms completely. Please read this form carefully before signing as we will hold you responsible for adhering to the expectations.

We hope you have a positive learning experience and an enjoyable time.

Third Rider Citizen Expectations

- All third riders must be at least 16 years of age. If the third rider is under the age of 18, a parent guardian must sign a release form.
- All forms must be read, completed, and signed, to include: the Release and Liability Waiver, Third Rider Expectations and Citizen Third Rider Notes.
- A picture ID must be presented to the station officer the time of the ride.

Appearance

- Third Riders must be groomed and dressed appropriately, including acceptable personal hygiene. A station officer has the discretion and authority to deny the ride due to unacceptable grooming and clothing.
- Riders must be dressed in:
 1. Dark pants (no jeans or shorts).
 2. Light blue or white button down or polo type shirt (must have a collar and t-shirts are not allowed).
 3. Dark colored shoes must be worn.

Conduct

- No use of controlled substance or consumption of any alcohol within eight hours prior to the ride.
- No profane or abusive language or behavior or otherwise inappropriate behavior during the ride.
- Do not operate any department vehicles or unauthorized equipment.
- Do not carry or wear any weapons.
- Do not carry or operate any recording devices or cameras.
- Operate under the direction of the Station Officer at all times.

I have read and understand the information provided to me regarding Third Rider Citizen Expectations.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____