

Guidelines for all Ride A long's including Civilians, Public Safety Cadets, and CAP members.

1. All riders must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age to ride any fire apparatus.
2. Apparatus RAL's will be limited to one rider per rig, per shift, per month. There will only be a maximum of 3 riders on any given day in the Operations Division, with no more than one rider per district per day.
3. All RAL's must be approved through the Division Chief of Operations, or designee.
4. Riders shall conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner.
5. Riders shall be held to the same Conduct Standards as firefighters.
6. Riders shall not participate in any emergency scene operations or interfere with the duties of the firefighters.
7. The District Chief and/or Company Officer may cancel a RAL at any time at their discretion. If a ride has been cancelled, the rider will have to submit a new request to ride on the Departments website at least 21 days in advance of the next RAL date.
8. All individuals shall have their hair secured and/or styled so it doesn't hang into their face nor project away from their head more than two inches. Hair that extends below the bottom of their collar shall be secured in a ponytail.
9. Riders must be neat and clean and wear authorized apparel that consists of Dockers or Khaki style pants (no jeans), boots (no tennis shoes), and a black or navy-blue shirt/polo (must have collar) with no advertisements or endorsements (sweat shirts are allowed in inclement weather). No jewelry is allowed except for a watch and a wedding ring. Sandals and open-toe shoes are prohibited. Paramedics, Fire Fighters, and Public Safety Cadets may wear their uniforms.
10. All RAL's will be granted from 0700 to 1700 hours only. Company Officers, with the approval of their District Chief, may elect to extend the hours of the RAL up to 10:00 p.m. No 24-hour RAL's are allowed without the prior written approval of the Chief of the Department or his designee.
11. While participating in a RAL, cell phone use shall be limited to emergency communications only, any other use is prohibited.

CIVILIANS

1. Riders shall be subject to a criminal background check that will be used to help determine eligibility for the RAL.
2. Civilian rides are restricted to a maximum of one (1) ride every six (6) months and will only be granted from 0700-1700 hours.

PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS

1. Public Safety Cadets are allowed up two (2) rides per month if they are currently assigned in a Denver Fire Department assignment. They are allowed up to one (1) ride per month if they are not assigned to the Denver Fire Department.
2. Public Safety Cadets are expected to participate in all training and daily maintenance activities around the fire station.
3. Public Safety Cadets have been asked to stop the practice of bringing in dessert for the firehouse.
4. Cadets are not required to pick up any paperwork before their scheduled ride.
5. Cadets new to the program are required to appear in person, in full uniform to complete all applicable forms before their first RAL.

CAP MEMBERS

1. CAP members are allowed up to two (2) rides per year.