WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR RIDE ALONG PARTICIPANTS

The undersigned ("Participant") desires to participate in a Ride Along in a Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 21 ("District") vehicle to observe District operations while responding to emergency situations. Participant recognizes that such activities are unpredictable and can present hazardous situations.

For and in consideration of the undersigned being given the opportunity of observing operations and functions of the District by riding in a passenger vehicle, ladder apparatus, engine apparatus, ambulance, or any other equipment operated by members of the District, Participant assumes any and all risks pertaining thereto. Participant releases the District, its commissioners, officials, officers, firefighters, medics and all other personnel of the District from any and all liability whatsoever for any injuries, death, damages, and claims the Participant, his or her heirs, dependents, and assigns may sustain by participating in this Ride Along activity.

To the extent Participant may have access to private, confidential, nonpublic or protected nonpublic information during the Ride Along Program, Participant agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal law, including but not limited to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and RCW 70.02. Participant promises to protect the confidentiality of any and all such information that he or she may learn through their participation in the Ride Along Program and will at all times act accordingly.

Participant agrees to the Ride Along guidelines below and agrees to abide by the requirements contained therein. If Participant is less than eighteen (18) years of age, their parent or legal guardian must also sign this document. Participants under the age of seventeen (17) will not be allowed to ride on EMS units (except for students and District Explorers). The minimum age for participation in the Ride Along Program is Fourteen (14).

Guidelines:

1. Rider will be limited to __ Ride Along days per year (except for students & Explorers)
2. Riders will be allowed in the day room, radio room, apparatus bay, and public areas, unless accompanied by department personnel.
3. Riders must adhere to the dress code: Long pants, closed-toed shoes only, orange "observer" jacket or vest while on incidents.
4. Riders must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his/her hand and seal at Arlington, Washington.

_____	_____	_____
Printed Name of Participant	Signature	Date
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Printed name of Parent or Guardian	Signature	Date

(Parent or Guardian must sign if participant is under eighteen years old)

Participant's Date of Birth: _____

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Approval of District Fire Chief