



## Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative

### Mental Wellness Recommended SOG

### Clinician Ride Time

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to provide a method for clinicians to ride on Fire-Rescue units in the capacity of an observer to improve their health care skills and learn about fire rescue procedures and interpersonal relationships. This policy will also ensure that the proper documentation and approval from Fire-Rescue has been obtained.

**POLICY:** Fire Rescue allows individuals to ride in the capacity of an observer on Fire Rescue units when the request has been reviewed and approved to meet the goals of Fire Rescue.

**PROCEDURE:** All observers must adhere to the following procedures:

#### **Clinicians:**

1. Clinicians must be employed, or volunteer, at a licensed facility. They shall submit a written request on letterhead to ride for the purpose of improving their health care skills and learning about fire rescue procedures and interpersonal relationships as provided by HIPPA. A copy of the clinicians' current appropriate credentials is required.
2. Prior to their ride time, all clinicians must provide proof of their HIPPA training.
3. Once the Fire Chief, or designee, has reviewed the request and verified the credentials the clinician may be scheduled to ride on a fire rescue vehicle. Typically, the ride time will be at a busy station with additional supervisors available.
4. The clinician will also be advised as to the appropriate attire for the ride time (dark pants, white top, closed toe shoes, etc).
5. Ride time will only be permitted between the hours of 0700-1600, unless approved by the Fire Chief.
6. The clinician will report to the officer at the designated station and will be paired with an officer for their ride time.

7. The clinician is required to remain in the common areas of the station (public area including the restroom) and is not allowed in the private crew sleeping quarters.
8. At all times the clinician will conduct themselves in a professional manner. The clinician will be expected to respect the privacy and confidentiality of all patients and crew.
9. Clinicians are encouraged to participate in the 2-day Clinician Awareness training course provided for free by the Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative.
10. For vetting into the Redline Rescue Program, clinicians are required to complete 24 hours of ride time at any local fire department. The attached Clinician Completion Form should be completed and submitted to Dustin Hawkins ([dhawkins@floridafirefightersafety.org](mailto:dhawkins@floridafirefightersafety.org)) or Jeremy Hurd ([jhurd@floridafirefightersafety.org](mailto:jhurd@floridafirefightersafety.org)) for inclusion into the clinician database.



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## Florida Firefighters Safety and Health Collaborative Clinician Completion Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have completed my 24 hours of ride  
(print name)

time as verified below and desire to be vetting in the Redline Rescue database.

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| Date | Fire Department | Hours | Station officer |
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