



MINNEAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Confidentiality of Patient Information

During a ride-along with the Minneapolis Fire Department, you may see or hear private information about patients while our personnel are providing emergency services. Protecting this information is required by federal and state law, and the Minneapolis Fire Department strictly prohibits the release or discussion of patient details outside the organization unless permitted for treatment, payment, or essential health care operations.

I understand that The Minneapolis Fire Department provides services to patients that are private and confidential and that I am a crucial step in respecting the privacy rights of The Minneapolis Fire Department's patients. I understand that it is necessary, in the rendering of the Minneapolis Fire Department services, that patients provide personal information and that such information may exist in a variety of forms such as electronic, oral, written or photographic and that all such information is strictly confidential and protected by federal and state laws.

I agree to follow all confidentiality policies and procedures of the Minneapolis Fire Department during my ride-along and any future association with the department. If I knowingly or accidentally disclose any patient information, I will immediately report the breach to the company officer I am assigned to during the ride-along. I understand that violating patient confidentiality may result in my immediate removal from the ride-along program and termination of any further association with the department. If my participation ends for any reason, or if I am asked at any time, I agree to return all confidential patient information in my possession.

I have read and understand all privacy policies and procedures that have been provided to me by the Minneapolis Fire Department. I agree to abide by all policies or be subject to immediate termination of my ride-along and exclusion from the Minneapolis Fire Department ride-along program. This is not a contract of employment and does not alter the nature of the existing relationship between the Minneapolis Fire Department and me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____