

Ride-Along Dress Code Policy

POLICY STATEMENT:

Minimum requirements for protective clothing and gear for all ride-along participants have been established. All personnel on board the aircraft shall follow these requirements.

PURPOSE/GOAL:

To maintain the professional appearance of the participant and to insure the safety and comfort of the participant in the event of an emergency landing during cold weather conditions.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

1. Standard Uniform for Life Flight Ride-Along Participants
 - a. Ride-Along participants will be required to wear durable khaki or navy-blue pants, a polo shirt, and supportive firm-soled boots.
 - b. In cooler weather but warmer than freezing, the ride-along participant should use "common sense" and consider bringing on the flight the following items:
 - i. coats/parkas
 - ii. hats
 - iii. gloves
 - iv. long underwear
 - v. other protective clothing/survival items
 - vi. rain gear (in expected wet weather)
2. Standard Uniform for Cold Weather Operations
(Wind Chill temperature less than 32 degrees F)
 - a. In addition to the standard uniform, the following items of protective clothing are absolutely required for each ride-along participant who flies in frigid (<32 degrees F) conditions:
 - i. hat/protective soft gear for head and neck
 - ii. gloves
 - iii. boots or appropriate warm footwear
 - iv. warm coat
 - v. heavy socks
 - vi. long underwear
 - vii. rain gear in wet/snowy conditions

The uses of scrubs, clogs, or smocks are examples of inappropriate clothing for any type of weather conditions. Standard uniform items are essential, and if not in the possession of the flight crewmember, then that crewmember will be refused to board the aircraft resulting in flight delay or cancellation. Any additional equipment must be discussed and approved at the Life Flight Operations Meeting.

3. All ride-along participants shall wear helmets and hearing protection during all components of flight. When not in use, the helmet is to be secured in a locker provided by Life Flight.
4. All uniform clothing provided by Life Flight shall be returned at the time of completion of the Ride-Along.

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