

River Falls Emergency Medical Services

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Dear EMS Intern/Student:

River Falls EMS is excited to have you ride along with us! We are a combination career and paid volunteer department comprised of a fulltime EMS Director, six full time critical care paramedics, and 50 paid on call members. We are a Critical Care Paramedic department. We average approximately 2,100 calls per year. Our service area resides in both Pierce and St. Croix Counties for a total area of 220 square miles. We currently utilize four ambulances and two Paramedic quick response vehicles.

In order to ride with our service as an intern student, we need proof or copies of your CPR card and training permit from your training center. Your training center will need a clinical contract with our service prior to riding. You will also need to fill out a waiver form for liability prior to riding.

Once again, we are excited to have you ride along with our department. In order to help make your time at our station the best it can be, we have the following bits of information for you to know:

- ✓ Remember to wear the appropriate clinical uniform (*navy or gray shirt with navy EMT/EMS pants and dark boots or shoes*)
- ✓ Upon arrival here, you will meet your preceptor for the day.
- ✓ You will be given a brief orientation of the building, ambulances and equipment you will be using for the shift.
- ✓ Please let your preceptor know what EMT level you are training for.
- ✓ You should show up promptly for your scheduled clinical time. Allowed times to ride are from **8am to 10pm**.
- ✓ You are not allowed to sleep while on a clinical shift.
- ✓ We have areas where you can study, please feel free to bring your books.
- ✓ For your convenience, we have a kitchen area to prepare food if you would like. We just ask that you please clean up after yourself.
- ✓ Please bring food with you for the day, or have money with in case you stop with the crew after returning from a call.
- ✓ Since this is a learning experience, you might be asked to assist with the department's daily duties that will enhance your learning of the EMS profession.

If at anytime you have any questions, or if for you cannot make your scheduled shift, please feel free to contact our on call Paramedic supervisor at (715) 821-6506 or myself at (715) 307-1074.

We are looking forward to working with you to expand your EMS knowledge and experience!

Sincerely,

Jeff Rixmann
Director, CC-Paramedic
River Falls EMS