



## Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

# Cadet Battalion

## Cadet Sponsorship Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to be a sponsor for (Cadet) \_\_\_\_\_

The Cadet will be participating in the "Ride-Along" at Station # \_\_\_\_\_ on A/B/C shift.

**This agreement will be in effect until I notify the Ride Time Coordinator in writing that I wish to terminate this agreement.**

### Sponsor Contact information:

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Both parties, as the cadet and sponsor, agree to adhere to the below guidelines and restrictions and understand that should any of the below be violated it may lead to loss of FRT privileges and/or dismissal from the Cadet Battalion.

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cadet Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Field Ride Time Requirements**

- FRT is only available for Cadets in their senior year of high school and have completed their six month probation following the Cadet Recruit Academy
- Cadets shall be within good standing with the PBCFR Cadet Battalion.
- Cadets will have proper vaccinations/inoculations prior to starting their FRTs.
- Cadets will have proper HIPAA and liability forms filled prior to the start of their FRT (These are completed upon joining Cadets)
- FRT is only allowed on Sundays from 0730 to 1930, Cadets shall not be permitted to stay beyond these times regardless of the crew or Company Officer.
- **Cadets will be responsible for having FRT Sponsorship forms signed, completed, and returned to the FRT Coordinator prior to their first ride time.**

### **Sponsor Requirements**

- Sponsor must be completed with their probationary year and have no discipline or suspension within the past 18 months
- Sponsors will be verified through the FRT coordinator prior to sponsoring any Cadet
- **Company Officers and FRT sponsors are responsible for reading and understanding these guidelines.**
- Cadets may only have one sponsor on file at a time and if they wish to switch sponsors they will notify the FRT Coordinator.
- Sponsors may sponsor more than one Cadet but they are prohibited from having more than one Cadet ride at a time.

### **Field Ride Time Guidelines**

- Cadets shall show up prior to the 0730 start time with their full class C uniform and bunker gear.
- If a Cadet is unable to make it to their ride time they will notify their sponsor. Failure to notify a sponsor can lead to FRT privileges being revoked.
- Cadets shall only ride on the unit that their assigned sponsor is on and will be under the direct guidance of that sponsor.
- Cadets shall act appropriately during FRTs and will participate in training and station duties while riding as a Cadet.
- Cadets will keep a log of their FRTs to be signed by the station officer and sponsor at the end of each FRT.

### **Prohibited Activities for Cadets**

- Cadets may not enter a warm or hot zone of a Haz-Mat incident.
- Cadets may not enter a building that contains a structure fire until cleared to do so by Command.
- Cadets may not, at any time, don SCBA gear for any reason other than training or competitions and must always be in the presence of an Advisor or Sponsor.
- Cadets may not be used as staffing.
- Cadets may not climb a ladder that extends past 25 feet during FRT.
- Cadets may not perform ventilation procedures on a burning building.
- Cadets may not use hydraulic-powered tools unsupervised.
- Cadets may not use mechanical tools (i.e. chainsaws, K-12s, cutting torches, or reciprocal saws) during FRT.
- Cadets may not drive any Department vehicle at any time.
- Cadets may not perform any medical skill that requires a license.
- Cadets may not perform stretcher operations while a patient is on it
- Cadets should ensure that all cell phones are on vibrate or silent during FRT.
- All personal calls should be kept to a minimum and not interfere with ride time.
- If a scene becomes unsecured, the Cadet may be asked to remain in the vehicle.
- Cadets are not permitted to write fire or medical reports.
- Cadets are not permitted to sign as a witness on a refusal