



# River Falls Area Ambulance Service

2002 Wisconsin Service of the Year

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## Dear EMS Ride Along:

River Falls Area Ambulance Service is excited to have you ride along with us! We are a volunteer ambulance service comprised of a fulltime Director, full time Operations Supervisor, one part time Assistant Directors and 47 crew members. We are a Paramedic service with an on call crew comprised of at least one paramedic per ambulance. We average approximately 1,900 calls per year. Our service area resides in both Pierce and St. Croix Counties for a total area of 180 sq miles. We currently utilize 4 ambulances and two Paramedic quick response vehicles.

In order to ride with our service as a rider, you must be at least 16 years old. You will need to fill out a waiver form and contact our office to schedule a time prior to riding.

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 clothing (dark long or short sleeve shirt with dark pants and dark shoes) \*No tank tops or sandals are allowed.
- ✓ You will meet your preceptor for the day.
- ✓ You will be given a brief orientation of the building and ambulances.
- ✓ You should show up promptly for your scheduled time.
- ✓ We have a nice area where you can relax, please feel free to bring a book.
- ✓ Please bring food or money with to obtain food for the time you are with us. We occasionally stop for food after returning from lengthy calls.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ **As a rider, you will not be allowed to perform any patient care or assist with any procedure or equipment. No exceptions!**
- ✓ Since this is a learning experience, you might be asked to assist with a project that will enhance your learning of the EMS profession.

If at anytime you have any questions or if you cannot make your scheduled shift, we ask that you 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, EMT-Paramedic  
River Falls Area Ambulance Service