



3rd RIDERS



Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety, EMS, encourages the practice of third riding to promote training in EMS.

To that end, Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety, EMS, has historically allowed third riders such as medical students, interns, residents, first responders, fire department members, paramedic students and EMT students, etc.

Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety, EMS, allows or disallows riders at its sole discretion. All third riders are required to abide by the following:

1. Third Riders must be 18 years of age or older and should have a valid CPR card.
2. Schedule "Third Rider" shift time with the Scheduler of Escambia County EMS and be on time for shift.
3. Dress in blue pants (no jeans), black footwear, and a white shirt, unless you have been issued a uniform by your school or company to wear.
4. Follow instructions of the crew that you are with unless you feel that you are being placed in a hazardous situation.
5. You must agree to maintain patient confidentiality at all times, now and in the future.
6. You may be expected to assist the crew that you are with their assigned tasks such as cleaning and / or washing the ambulance.
7. In order to participate as a third rider you will be required to sign the "Third Rider Waiver Form"
8. You are not allowed to perform any skills that you have not been cleared to perform by your instructor, school or state license. You must not operate outside your scope of practice. You are allowed to provide assistance only at the request and under the direct supervision of the crew you are riding with.

All Escambia County EMS crewmembers should work with third riders to answer questions and assist them in their experience.



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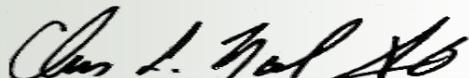
1. You must be aware at all times of the location of the third rider and not allow them to act beyond their role as a third rider.
2. The Escambia County EMS crewmembers are ultimately in charge of the third rider and the patient. Immediately report any problems or concerns with third riders to your supervisor.



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