

**Cave Spring Rescue Squad
Observer Form**

Full Name _____ D.O.B. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ SSN _____

Emergency Contact Person and Relationship to you _____, _____

Emergency Contact Numbers _____

Observer Release and Indemnification Agreement

This release and indemnification agreement, made this _____ day of _____, 20____
By and between _____ of _____ Virginia, and
Cave Spring Rescue Squad, Inc.

Witnesseth:

That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar, receipt of which is hereby acknowledge, and in further consideration of the permission granted to me by the Cave Spring Rescue Squad, Inc., Roanoke County, Virginia to participate in its activities, including but not necessarily limited to training and responded to requests for routine and emergency services, I hereby release and indemnify the Cave Spring Rescue Squad, Inc., and Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, and Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Department, its members, agents and employees from all actions, causes of actions, damages, claims or demands which I , my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have against Cave Spring Rescue Squad, Inc. and other above described parties for any personal injury and/or property damage known or unknown which may result from my participation in the above described activities. I recognize and acknowledge that said activities involve risk to my person and property and I knowingly assume all such risk.

I, the undersigned, am over/under the age of eighteen years of age, have read this release and understand all its terms. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. This release and agreement shall remain in effect for 30 days, or until revoked by me or an authorized agent of Cave Spring Rescue Squad, Inc.

In witness whereof, I have executed this release on the day and year first above set forth at Roanoke, VA.

Date _____ Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Parent's Signature if Observer is a minor _____

CSRS 1st Lieutenant or Captain's signature _____ Date _____

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Criminal Record Acknowledgement

A criminal record will prevent an applicant from becoming a member of Cave Spring Rescue Squad, or any other Roanoke County Fire and Rescue Volunteer Organization. You must sign this form and return it with a completed Observer form to be eligible to become an Observer with Cave Spring Rescue Squad. Withholding or falsification of this information will be sufficient cause for rejection or revocation of the Observer Status or **subsequent membership**.

To be eligible to become an Observer you are required to meet and maintain the following qualifications:

Have **NEVER** been convicted of a felony involving any sexual crime

Not be convicted of any other act which is a felony under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia or of the United States, except that such felon is eligible to become an Observer 5 years after the date of final release and no additional felonies have been committed.

I affirm that I have never been convicted of a felony involving any sexual crime. I further affirm that I have not been convicted of any other felony under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia or of the United States of America within the last 5 years. Individuals convicted of non-sex related felony crimes are eligible for Observer status 5 years after their date of final release from the criminal justice system.

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parents Signature: _____

(If applicant is under 18)

Cave Spring Rescue Squad Observer Guidelines

1. Observers must have a strong interest in Pre-Hospital care and in joining Cave Spring Rescue Squad. The observer must be at least 16 years of age at the time of application.
2. All Observers must have a complete and up to date observer form on file, signed by the 1st Lieutenant or Captain. Each form will be good for 30 days. Each observer will have a maximum of two forms signed (60 days of total observer period).
3. A list of current Observers will be posted in the membership cabinet. The name of the person with the date the form runs out will be posted. ONLY the persons listed are allowed to observe. If a question or problem arises Contact the 1st Lieutenant before letting a person ride on a truck or remain in the building.
4. Observers may only run shifts prescribed by the 1st Lieutenant and approved by the DTL on that night. Observers should attempt to run with every team at least once, but should try not to observe more than several times per week. No more than one observer at a time may observe on a truck.
5. Observers are only allowed to run until 12 am (11 pm for High School students while school is in session) on weeknights. Observers may run the entire shift at the discretion of the DTL on the Friday and Saturday shifts.
6. Observers are not permitted to wear ANY crew identification, i.e. coats, shirts, bunker gear. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS. Observers WILL NOT use the 800 or FRS radios in the units, crew cellular phones, or operate ANY emergency systems (lights, sirens, squad equipment, etc.)
7. Observers shall not use the phone at the station without the DTL's consent. Observers will not give out the private number to the Crew Hall, and no personal phone calls will be accepted for observers, except in the case of an emergency.
8. Observers must wear appropriate clothing while here. No sandals, shorts, tank tops, sweat suits, flip-flops, soiled clothing or clothes with holes. The observer should be aware of the weather (if it is cold, bring a coat, etc.). No shirts or other clothing with logos that are disrespectful, derogatory or involve themes of a sexual nature, drugs or alcohol. The crew suggests that women do not wear skirts or dresses. No exceptions. The DTL or Line Officer will make all decisions involving clothing and running calls, that decision is final.
9. Observers who currently hold ANY EMS certification will not be allowed to practice any skills while under observer status. Observers who hold no certifications will not be allowed to perform any patient assessment, stabilization, or management skills. Observers are not allowed to operate any crew vehicles any distance or amount.
10. No persons who are attempting to fulfill court ordered community service time would be allowed to observe to complete that sentence.
11. While running with the crew, an observer is under the direction of those persons in charge of a scene, DTL's, AIC, or any other Fire-Rescue-Police Officer. Any request made by one of these individuals needs to be followed, unless the request requires the observer to endanger his/her life, would be illegal, or is beyond the observer's capabilities.
12. Observers must follow all directions of the DTL or AIC. No interference with patient care, scene command/safety, or normal operation of the Team or crew will be permitted.

13. The DTL or any Line Officer may terminate any or all of the observer's privileges at any time for any reason. Once revoked the 1st Lieutenant is to be notified immediately, and permission to observe will not be reinstated until the 1st Lieutenant has reviewed the incident.
14. Observers are REQUIRED to conduct themselves in a mature and respectable manner at all times, whether in the building, out to eat, on calls, etc.
15. Observers who are asked to identify themselves at any time should reply that they are an observer, and are to make no statements to anyone regarding patient care or crew operations. The DTL or AIC should also make an effort to identify the Observer to the patient, their family, or any other Fire-Rescue-Police Officers.
- 16. OBSERVER PRIVILEGES IN NO WAY CONVEY OR IMPLY ANY MEMBERSHIP STATUS WITH CAVE SPRING RESCUE SQUAD.**
17. Observers may assist members with carrying equipment, operating on-board systems (oxygen, suction, patient compartment lights, etc.), lifting and carrying patients if the AIC deems necessary, handling supplies, etc, after being properly familiarized with all items the AIC may need assistance with.
18. The DTL, Line Officers and the AIC on the truck have FINAL approval on who gets on the truck. If any of the above is uncomfortable with the Observers ability to handle a certain call, or would choose to run a call without the Observer for any reason, that is their privilege. Alternately an Observer may choose for them self not to run a call for any reason.
19. NO Observer is to be left in the building unattended for any length of time. If the team goes on a call that the observer does not, they should be asked to leave and escorted from the building. If the team goes to dinner, etc. the observer should be asked to come too, if they decline the offer they should be asked to leave and return after the team comes back from their destination.
20. No Observer is to respond to the scene of any Crew call in a personally operated vehicle. This does not preclude an individual's obligation to stop and attempt to render aid if they would be the first ones on the scene of a wreck, etc. No observer is to run ANY Crew calls unless they are in the building with DTL permission and assigned to an AMBULANCE for the duration of their shift.
21. The Observer must wear proper identification, as determined by the Crew DTL's, at all times to be allowed to run calls. ID is to be worn on the outside of all clothing and be visible at all times, whether in the building or out to eat or on a call, etc.