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Junior Firefighters

1. Purpose:

Describe minimum firefighter requirements for each membership classification

2. Scope:

All current and prospective members within Fire District #1.

3. Prerequisites:

Identified in each section.

4. Responsibilities:

None

5. Procedure:

A. The following represents the rules and regulations governing the activities of the junior firefighters as existing within the Hillsborough Township Fire District # 1 in the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as promulgated by the Commissioners of Hillsborough Township in order to provide for the training of the junior firefighters for eventual membership as firefighters in the Volunteer Fire Companies of said Fire District:

1. The basic intent, in addition to that as stated above of the providing for the training of junior firefighters is to specifically educate said junior firefighters relative to the Volunteer Fire Company operations and procedures in order that said individuals be enlisted as future firefighters concerning the Hillsborough Volunteer Fire Companies as located within the Hillsborough Township Fire District # 1.

2. No person shall be eligible for membership as a junior firefighter who is less than 16 or more than 18 years of age, and said person between the said ages shall be required to obtain permission to join the Fire Company from their parents or legal guardian. Said permission shall be in writing and duly acknowledged by a notary or signature of an appropriate party witnessing the signature as required as set forth herein.
3. Junior firefighters shall be provided the same insurance coverage as provided regular volunteer firefighters of the Fire District pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:14-37 and 40A:14-38.
4. No junior firefighter shall be required to perform duties, which would expose them to the same degree of hazard as a regular member of the Fire District.
5. Junior firefighters shall be under the complete control and adhere to the directions of the Fire Chief, President and the Junior Firefighters' Committee of the Volunteer Fire Company. Said members shall also be held to comply with the by-laws as adopted by the Fire Company.
6. Junior firefighters shall also follow the directives of the Fire District, shall only require responsibilities to be undertaken by said individuals in compliance with, the New Jersey State Child Labor Law.
7. The Fire Company shall advise the Fire District/Board of Fire Commissioners via the Bureau of Fire Safety of the names of accepted applicants to the junior firefighter program.
8. Discipline of junior firefighter will be handled at the Chief's discretion. **Any disciplinary action taken with/against a junior firefighter shall immediately be communicated to the Board of Fire Commissioners as well as notifying the parent/legal guardian of the junior firefighter involved.**

B. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. All applicants shall reside in the geographic confines of the Township of Hillsborough.
2. All applicants shall be at least 16 years of age but not more than 18 years of age.

3. All applicants shall be of good physical health. All applicants shall receive the same physical medical examinations including fit testing provided regular volunteer firefighters of the Fire District.
4. All applicants shall have expressed written consent of their parents or legal guardian on the form provided by the Fire Company.
5. ***All applicants along with their parents/legal guardians shall participate in an interview with the Membership Committees of the fire company they wish to join. The purpose of the interview is to explain in detail the Junior Firefighter program and ensure all roles and responsibilities are clearly explained and understood by all parties.***
6. All junior firefighters shall provide semi-annual report cards to the Chief, President or the Junior Firefighters Committee of the Volunteer Fire Company.
7. All junior firefighters will maintain a “C” average to be an active junior member.

C. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. The Fire Company shall provide each applicant with the necessary application form upon request.
2. The completed application form, with working papers and approval of Fire Company, shall be returned to the Fire Company as written proof of intent.
3. The Fire Company Membership Committee shall insure that all papers are in proper order.
4. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall be provided copies of the application documentation of all newly accepted junior members.
5. Working papers as submitted shall be valid until the

applicant attains the age of 18 years, becomes a regular member or retires from the Fire Company.

D. RESPONDING ON FIRE COMPANY APPARATUS

1. Junior firefighters shall be restricted to riding in the cab.
2. Priority for riding on the Fire Company apparatus must always be given to certified firefighters.
3. The number of junior firefighters responding on a vehicle shall not be used in determining whether or not the vehicle has sufficient crew to roll, since junior firefighters are severely restricted in the duties they may perform on any fire scene.

E. SCENE OF EMERGENCY

1. At the scene of a fire or other emergency, the junior firefighter(s) will stay with the fire apparatus they responded in on and assist the operator where appropriate.
2. Unless otherwise permitted, junior firefighters shall not be allowed to undertake or engage in any activity at the fire scene other than as set forth herein.

F. ACTIVITIES, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Members shall:

1. Attend all meetings and fire classes.
2. Attend all fire drills.
3. Attend parades, dedications and other Fire Company functions.
4. Ride in the cab only of the responding equipment to fire calls at the discretion of the Officer in Charge.
5. Roll or otherwise handle unpressurized hose.
6. Deliver equipment to on duty firefighters at the discretion of the Officer in Charge.
7. Serve as the messengers at the fire scene or other emergency

scene.

- 8.** Help clean up and replace equipment on apparatus for return to the Firehouse.
- 9.** Assist in clean up and reloading of the hose and equipment at the firehouse.
- 10.** At the scene of a fire or other emergency, take his/her station at the command vehicle.
- 11.** Learn operation of all fire extinguishers, location of all equipment, to handle rope, tie knots, first aid and rescue.
- 12.** Will have distinctive and visible markings unique to junior firefighters (i.e. yellow helmets with orange shields) as per fire district policy.
- 13.** Abide by child labor laws as set forth by the New Jersey Department of Labor.
- 14.** Pursuant to Laws of N.J. Chapter 83 Section 34:2-21.17 no child labor law shall be construed to prevent minors 16 years of age or older who are members of a junior firefighters auxiliary created pursuant to the N.J.S. 40A-14-95, from engaging in any activity authorized by N.J.S. 40A-14-98.
- 15.** All duties and assignments will be made at the scene of a fire or other emergency.

16. All junior firefighters will be assigned to a safe area, under the jurisdiction of the Officer in charge or a Line Officer of Fire Company.
17. Junior members shall adhere to and abide by all other rules and regulations as outlined in the Hillsborough Township Board of Fire Commissioners GOG's.
18. Junior firefighters will be permitted to answer fire calls from the hours of 7am to 10pm during school days and during non-school days they will be permitted to ride until 11pm.

Members shall not be permitted to:

19. Attend any Fire Company function during school hours without proper permission.
20. Be on duty more than eight hours in any 24-hour period.
21. Drive equipment.
22. Operate in any areas or locations hazardous or injurious to his/her life, health, safety or welfare.
23. Wipe or clean any moving machinery, repairs to elevators or hoisting apparatus.
24. Use breathing apparatus at fire scenes.
25. Enter burning buildings.
26. Climb ladders for firefighting or rescue purposes.
27. Enter condemned or burned out buildings.
28. Handle or direct traffic on a public highway.
29. Use alcoholic beverages or drugs.
30. Respond to any potential hazardous materials or bomb/bomb scare incidents.