



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: To promote an interest in the Fire Department and Community for young people, develop safety and fire prevention habits, and provide fire and rescue training.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH JUNIOR MEMBER TO READ AND UNDERSTAND EACH OF THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The Junior Firefighter Program is open to anyone between 14 and 18 years of age.
2. Each person applying must complete an application with appropriate signatures. In addition, each of the following forms must be completed, signed by the appropriate parties, and returned with the application:
 - i Parental/Guardian Release Forms
 - ii Release Forms to Ride Apparatus
3. All members will conduct themselves in a professional manner while at the Fire Department as well as on calls. You are always a representation of the Rural Hall Fire Department, especially when you are wearing a department t-shirt in public.
4. All Junior Firefighters are **REQUIRED** to maintain a “C” average and to complete High School to maintain Fire Department membership. Each report card that is issued shall be photocopied and given to the Program Coordinator to ensure this requirement is being maintained. Suspension from school will result in a suspension from the Fire Department. Expulsion from school will result in expulsion from the Fire Department.
5. Each Junior Firefighter will be issued the necessary equipment and is expected to always take care of it. This equipment is the responsibility of the junior member and at no time is it to be loaned or used by a non-member.
6. Junior Firefighters are expected to attend all scheduled trainings and meetings. However, exceptions will be made for sickness, excused school absences, work schedule, etc. The Program Coordinator must be notified by the member in the event a training or meeting cannot be attended.
7. No Junior Firefighter will respond on calls until approved by the Program Coordinator.



8. At no time will a Junior Firefighter use a radio unless authorized to do so by an officer or the Program Coordinator.
9. At no time will a Junior Firefighter cancel (10-22) any apparatus or personnel unless authorized by an officer or Program Coordinator.
10. No Junior Firefighter is to respond emergency traffic (10-18) on any call in their personal vehicle and must obey all traffic laws. All moving violations received by junior members are their responsibility and may result in disciplinary action.
11. A Junior Firefighter may ride in the apparatus on routine and 10-18 (Emergency traffic calls) but must be properly seated with seatbelts on.
12. Junior Firefighters are required to report all injuries to an officer or the Program Coordinator.
13. Overnight stays at the Fire Department are permitted ONLY when the Junior Firefighter Program is having a special overnight training. Each Junior Firefighter staying overnight must have a permission slip signed by the Program Coordinator and by a Parent / Legal Guardian for each stay.
14. Upon arriving at the scene of a call, the Junior Firefighter must report the Officer in Charge or Program Coordinator to receive their instructions. Absolutely no freelancing is allowed.
15. At no time will the use of alcohol or drugs be tolerated. If a Junior Firefighter is guilty of using such substances, that member will be permanently expelled from the program.
16. Each Junior Firefighter that responds on a call is expected to return to the station and help get all equipment and the apparatus back in service for the next call.
17. All Junior Firefighters will be required to maintain a minimum of 36 hours of fire / rescue training per year.
18. No Junior Firefighter will participate in Fire Department functions during school hours.
19. Any Junior Firefighter may be dismissed at any time by the Fire Chief or the Program Coordinator when performance does not meet the guidelines.



20. Junior Firefighters are to respond to Station 23 calls ONLY. At no time is a Junior Firefighter to respond on any other Fire Department calls.

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PARENTAL / GUARDIAN RELEASE FORM
PERMISSION TO RIDE APPARATUS

I, _____, hereby give my permission for my child, _____, to ride the apparatuses of Rural Hall Fire Department while responding on calls, both emergency traffic and non-emergency traffic.

I am signing this document with the understanding of the risks involved while riding on an emergency apparatus.

This document must be signed by the proposed junior member and his or her parent/legal guardian and returned to the Rural Hall Fire Department before the Junior Firefighter will be allowed to ride any emergency apparatus.

Signature of Junior Firefighter

____/____/____
Date

Printed Name of Junior Firefighter

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

____/____/____
Date

Printed Name of Parent / Legal Guardian



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PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN RELEASE FORM

This document must be signed by the applicant and his or her Parent/Legal Guardian and returned to the Rural Hall Fire Department before membership will be allowed and before any equipment will be issued.

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that my child, _____, and I have read and understand the “Rules and Regulations” for the Rural Hall Fire Department Junior Program. I will allow my child to participate in all adult supervised activities within the department. I understand that my child will have complete insurance coverage including Workers Compensation while participating as a Junior Fireman. Furthermore, I understand that by signing this form I, the Parent/Legal Guardian, will be responsible for all issued equipment that is lost, stolen, or damage due to neglect, abuse, and/or misuse.

Signature of Applicant

____/____/_____
Date

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

____/____/_____
Date

Printed Name of Parent / Legal Guardian



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FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM EVALUATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Junior Firefighter Probationary Requirements, Explanation, and Acknowledgement

Having successfully completed the selection process, you are now a Probationary Junior Firefighter. The following items listed below are an explanation of probationary requirements and expectations. By initialing each one, you are acknowledging your understanding of each requirement. These items will be reviewed with you during your orientation meeting conducted by the Junior Firefighter Coordinator.

INITIALS

REQUIREMENTS

- ____ ____ I have been given the Junior Firefighter Rules and Regulations and I am responsible for reading and understanding its contents.
- ____ ____ To maintain organizational harmony and exercise personal discipline, I will conduct myself in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Fire Department at all times.
- ____ ____ It is my responsibility to follow all oral and written directives given to me by the Department, its Officers, and Administrators.
- ____ ____ I will strive to successfully complete and comply with all course rules and requirements in order to obtain the necessary skills and knowledge needed to serve in the Fire and Emergency Medical Services provided to this community.
- ____ ____ During my probationary period, my performance will be regularly evaluated each month until my probationary period is completed.
- ____ ____ As a probationary Junior Firefighter, I will perform all duties to which I am assigned to the best of my ability.
- ____ ____ I am responsible for promptly reading and responding to all posted information regarding to trainings, events, meetings, rules and regulations, policies and procedures, and their contents as they apply.



_____ Due to the emergent nature of Fire Department activity, I shall do my share to maintain preparedness by becoming knowledgeable in the care, use, and maintenance of the facilities, apparatus, equipment, and issued equipment.

_____ I will attend all scheduled regular and special training sessions during my probationary period unless specifically excused by the proper authority.

_____ To experience the variety of activities in which the department is involved, I will attend and participate in special events such as public fire and life safety education, parades, open house, or any other special events.

_____ I will assume responsibility for my actions and performance in everything I do. I will always strive to exceed the minimum requirements for the Fire Department.

If any aspect of your orientation and introduction is not clear to you, now is the time to ask the Program Coordinator specific questions concerning those areas in which your understanding is not complete.

I, _____, have read and understand the Junior Firefighter Probationary Requirements.

Required Signatures:

Member

____/____/____

Date

Program Coordinator

____/____/____

Date

