



Applegarth Volunteer Engine Company #1

REGULATIONS FOR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS

The Junior Firefighter Program was instituted by the Applegarth Volunteer Engine Company #1 (AVEC1) as a training program for young men and women, aged 16-17, interested in serving their community and preparing to become active firefighters upon reaching the age of 18. At age 18, the Junior Firefighter is eligible to attend a local Fire Academy to become a full member of AVEC1 upon successful completion.

Due to the inherent dangers of firefighting, strict rules of conduct and tight procedural standards have been established. In an actual emergency, it is essential that all firefighters, including Junior Firefighters, act in a calm, mature, efficient manner. The Junior Firefighters are expected to attend training drills to be prepared for the many challenges presented in an emergency situation. Each member is expected to read and understand these requirements and to adhere to the standards.

A completed application will be brought before the membership committee and at that time the candidate will be interviewed. When the prospective member is interviewed, it is preferred that both parents or guardians are present, but one is acceptable. The interview will cover all rules and regulations of the Fire Company.

Eligibility:

1. Residents of Monroe Township (or within the AVEC1 Jurisdiction), between the ages of 16-17, may apply to be a Junior Firefighter. No one shall be restricted due to race, religion, color, or gender.
2. The applicant must be in good academic standing at his/her school at the time of application and during the period of membership as a Junior Firefighter. A minimum GPA of 2.0 ("C") must be maintained.
3. The applicant must complete an application, including a medical authorization and police background check. Parent / legal guardian consent must be given in order to join. The AVEC1 membership committee must approve the application.

General Rules:

4. Junior Firefighters will have no voting privileges at company meetings and shall not hold any office.
5. The Junior Firefighter will follow all the by-laws of the Fire Company and standard operating procedures of the Fire Company.
6. The Junior Firefighter must maintain a passing grade in all subjects.
7. Junior Firefighters are not to participate in any AVEC1 activity, including emergencies, during school hours. Junior Firefighters are not to leave school, or a school sponsored activity, for an emergency response.
8. The Junior Firefighter must always present themselves in a respectful manner at the fire station or any Fire Company functions.

9. Any use of alcohol or drugs at anytime will be sufficient reason for suspension or expulsion from the Fire Company.
10. All Junior Firefighters must be out of the station by 10pm on school nights. A Junior Firefighter cannot be in the station without a Senior Firefighter present. A Junior Firefighter is welcome to bring a guest to the station so long as a Senior Firefighter is present and it is not a drill night.

Equipment:

11. The Junior Firefighter will be issued a complete set of bunker gear. The helmet will be marked to identify them as a Junior Firefighter.
12. Keys/combination to the firehouse will not be issued to Junior Firefighters, nor will dress uniforms.
13. Junior Firefighters may not borrow AVEC1 equipment for personal use.
14. Junior Firefighters may not operate AVEC1 vehicles without proper training and approval.

Training/Drills:

15. A Junior Firefighter may attend any Academy Class held for Junior Firefighters.
16. A Junior Firefighter is expected to attend as many drills as possible. While he or she is at a company training drill they shall be under the supervision of a line officer or the Deputy Chief's designee.

Emergency Response:

17. Junior Firefighters between the ages of 16 to 17 are prohibited from responding between midnight and 6am, Sunday through Thursday. They also can't respond between 1 am and 6am Friday through Saturday and during school vacations. There is no night responding limit during summer vacation.
18. Upon arrival at an emergency scene, a Junior Firefighter is not to enter a private dwelling or other structure with senior firefighters for emergency action or investigation, unless expressly instructed to do so by the Fire Chief or a Fire Officer. Junior Firefighters are to remain with the apparatus or in close proximity to the incident commander, and await specific orders from an AVEC1 fire officer.
19. Firefighters are not to make any public comments or make statements to the media at the time of an emergency incident, or following the incident, concerning conditions relating to the emergency scene. All public inquiries are to be referred to the incident commander or AVEC1 lead officer.
20. Junior Firefighters are to report directly to the station at all times. Junior Firefighters are not to drive personal vehicles to any scene unless directed by an AVEC1 Officer.