



DUNN'S CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PROGRAM

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The Dunn's Corners Fire Department welcomes adolescents between the ages of 14 and 18 to serve in the fire department. We feel that it offers the students an unparalleled opportunity to serve the public in a meaningful way while learning new skills and interacting with their peers who have the same interests. Due to the nature of firefighting, and the dangers that can be involved with some of these activities, we have developed a set of rules and guidelines that are meant to protect the students during their participation. We also recognize the importance of education and the building of character during this developmental period in their lives, and the following guidelines have also been designed to encourage these aspects while they participate in DCFD activities.

Scholastic Requirements/Personal Behavior:

- To join or remain in the DCFD Junior Program, a member must maintain a "C" average in school.
- Expulsion from school will be grounds for dismissal from the program.
- Members are not permitted to wear fire department pagers while attending school.
- Members are not permitted to leave school to respond to DCFD calls.
- Members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with being a public servant:
 - No obscene, vulgar, or crude language or behavior will be tolerated on the premises or at calls
 - No use or influence of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs while on DCFD property or while participating in DCFD activities
 - Any member accused or convicted of the possession, sale, or distribution of a controlled substance is subject to discipline, including expulsion.
 - Any arrest or arrest record will be ground for denial of membership, or expulsion.

Attendance Requirements/Restrictions:

- Must attend a minimum of 33% of all announced Junior Training offerings and monthly department meetings, and respond to a reasonable number of calls/department activities.
- Curfews:
 - Junior members may not be in the stations after 10:00 PM unless going to or returning from a call.
 - Junior members may not be in the stations after 9:00 PM on school nights (unless with a parent).
 - Junior members may only respond to calls between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM with prior written permission of a parent or guardian.
- Junior members are not permitted to be in the station unless a senior member is on the premises, or permission has been granted from the Department Chief.

Safety:

Firefighting, by its nature, involves activities that are inherently dangerous. As a result, when considering what activities Junior Members may participate in, safety will always be a consideration:

- When on scene of any incident, Junior Members will wear full protective gear at all times unless permitted otherwise by an officer on scene. The Junior Member shall not respond to an incident if lacking their protective gear.
- When riding in any DCFD vehicle, the Junior Member shall wear a seatbelt at all times.

Also as a result, there are certain activities which Junior Members will not be permitted to participate in:

- Junior members will not be permitted to enter a burning structure under any circumstances.
- Junior members will not climb ladders for rescue or firefighting.
- Junior members will not be permitted to operate within 50 feet of downed power lines.

- Traffic:
 - Junior members will not be permitted to direct traffic on any major roadway (i.e., Post Road, Shore Road, Ross Hill Road, etc.).
 - Junior members 16 and 17 may be permitted to direct traffic on a secondary road at the discretion of officers on scene.
 - No Junior Member 14 or 15 shall be permitted to direct traffic under any circumstances.

Permitted Activities:

Junior Members, in an effort to support the fire suppression and prevention activities of the Dunn's Corners Fire Department, may participate (with supervision) in the following ways:

- Setting up Scott AirPak/Rehab center at a fire scene and assist firefighters with changing bottles
- Assist with hydrant set-up and laying hose at an incident.
- A junior member may, at the direction of an officer, man an exterior hose line, with the following exceptions:
 - If hazardous materials are involved
 - If sustained nozzle pressure is expected to exceed 100PSI during normal operation, the Junior Member may not man the nozzle, but may assist as back-up.
 - If the line is larger than 1-3/4", the Junior Member may not man the nozzle without explicit permission from a commanding officer, but may assist as back-up.
- Assist with lighting, ladder carries, and moving equipment at an incident.
- A Junior Member may foot a ladder at the discretion of and direction by an officer on scene.
- Assist with overhaul and salvage at the discretion of and direction by an officer on scene, assuming that the building is deemed safe for entry. (Full PPE to be worn.)
- Assist with all aspects of water emergencies.
- Assist with setting up helicopter landing zones.
- Preparing the apparatus after an incident for future calls, including cleaning and replacing Scott AirPak masks, re-packing hose, filling trucks with water, etc. If a Junior Member has responded to an incident, they must return to the station to assist with these activities.
- Washing and drying hose.
- Assisting with cleaning of apparatus, tools, and stations, and maintenance of same under supervision or direction of an officer.

Apparatus Riding:

Junior Members at DCFD are permitted to ride an apparatus with the following rules:

- As noted in the safety section, seat belt must be worn at all times.
- A Junior Member may ride in the apparatus if an empty seat is available. If the Junior Member is already seated in a full truck and a Senior Member arrives to enter the apparatus, the Junior Member will vacate the seat for the Senior Member – NO QUESTIONS ASKED.
- Junior members will not be permitted to ride in the officer's seat unless directed to do so by a driver/officer. Sirens and air horn may only be operated at the discretion of and direction by the driver.
- The Junior Member shall remain with the truck until directed to a task by the driver or officer(s) on scene.
- The Junior Member should respond to a station and not directly to a scene when at all possible. If all trucks have left, a direct response may be made, and the member will park a safe distance from the scene and report to a staffed truck for further direction

Junior Training

Training is a critical part of any firefighting activities. In an effort to promote safety, as well as usefulness, Junior Members will be offered a variety of training opportunities covering the activities that they will be permitted to be involved with. These trainings will be specifically for the Junior Members, and will involve training by Senior Members/Officers of the department. Junior Members may generally also attend most of the regular department trainings, although participation may be limited based on the nature of the training.

Following is a sample of the Junior Training topics that might be covered on a one-year bi-weekly (every other week) schedule:

Safety	Apparatus Orientation	Scene Lighting
Hydrants/LDH	Chimney Fires	Communications
SCBA/RIT/Rehab	Fire Behavior	Extinguishers
Hose Lines/Appliances	Drafting	Natural Disasters/Water Emergencies
Forestry/Brush Fires	Search/Rescue	Traffic Control/MVAs
SCBA/Truck Checks	Run Sheets	Ladder Carries/Uses
Personal Protective Equipment	Forcible Entry	Incident Command System
Saws	Building Construction	Foam