

Osage Township Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines	Revised Date: N/A	Effective Date: 2/01/06
Junior Firefighters	Page 1 of 1	

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this standard operating guideline is to define the standards of Junior Firefighters.

COMMENTARY:

A Junior Firefighter is a person, male or female, that is 16 or 17 years of age.

PROCEDURES:

Anyone wishing to apply for membership should come with their guardian to the regular meeting and request an application and guardian consent form. No application can be put before the Command Staff without a signed guardian consent form and their last report card. All members will have to follow mandatory guidelines set forth by the Command Staff. Any member violating these rules can face immediate termination and/or temporary suspension from the department at the Chief's discretion.

Consideration may be given to family members of firefighters in good standing that are over the age of 14. A meeting with the Command Staff must occur before any considerations will be entertained.

Once an application is approved by the Command Staff, a final vote will be conducted at the next scheduled fire meeting.

Rules and Regulations for Junior Firefighters

- 1) All Junior Firefighters must maintain a "C" average or better in each subject.
- 2) Any suspension from school will result in suspension from firefighting.
- 3) No one is allowed to leave school for fire calls; anyone with early release should bring a written letter stating the same to the Chief.
- 4) At the guardian's request a member may be terminated or suspended.
- 5) No one is allowed to run calls past 22:00 on any school night.
- 6) Junior Firefighters will not be allowed in any environment that requires an SCBA or the Officer in Charge deems unsafe.
- 7) All Junior Firefighters will abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Standard Operating Guidelines of the Fire Department.
- 8) At the discretion of the Chief any member can be temporarily suspended for any reason deemed important enough for such action by the Chief. This may be appealed to the Command Staff at its next regular meeting. However, the Command Staff has the final decision.
- 9) No Junior Firefighter may be at the department without a regular member present.
- 10) Junior Firefighters are to respond to the Fire Department. Under no circumstance are they to respond to a call or scene of a call.
- 11) No Junior Firefighter is to be on a scene without a regular member of the fire department present.
- 12) Junior Firefighters will be issued a pager and turnout gear. They will not be issued radio equipment or a key.
- 13) Tobacco use is not permitted by any member under the age of 18.
- 14) No profanity will be tolerated.