

Delran Board of Fire Commissioners Resolution # 2024-09

 Delran Fire Department 900 Chester Avenue Delran New Jersey 08075	Standard Operating Procedure	
	Subject: Junior Firefighter Membership	
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Approved By: Department Chief Joseph Cunningham Sr.		

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this procedure is to establish guidelines for a Junior Membership Program as set forth by the Delran Fire Department.
- 1.2 This procedure is in place to protect Junior Firefighters of the Department.

2.0 REFERENCES

- 2.1 N.J.S.A 40A:14-95-98
- 2.2 N.J.S.A. 12:58-3.2
- 2.3 P.L. 2020 Chapter 126

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The prospective applicant must be approved by the fire company and fire district.
- 3.2 Junior firefighters shall be between the ages of 14-18 years old.
- 3.3 At age 18 the junior will be transferred to an active or inactive member of their company.
- 3.4 Applicant should be capable of performing essential fire ground tasks.
- 3.5 Applicant must have a Parent / Guardian present upon acceptance to be informed of the duties their dependent may be asked to do on the fireground. They must provide written acknowledgement that they understand the duties and limitations.
- 3.6 Applicant must complete the Delran Fire Medical Clearance Form.

4.0 TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- 4.1 Junior Firefighters will receive basic firefighting training, including fire safety, equipment use, and emergency response procedures.
- 4.2 Junior Firefighters will attend regular training sessions and drills under the supervision of Fire Dept Line Officers and Senior Firefighters.
- 4.3 Junior Firefighters may not participate in live firefighting operations.

5.0 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Junior Firefighter must complete membership orientation packet before being allowed to ride on the apparatus.
- 5.2 Junior Firefighters must adhere to all rules and regulations of the fire department.

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- 5.3 Junior Firefighters are permitted to respond to alarms from 0600 to 2300 hours.
- 5.4 Upon an alarm for the Delran Fire Department, all junior members will respond directly to their respect stations. No junior member shall respond directly to any emergency scene
- 5.5 Junior firefighters shall don full protective bunker gear before boarding any piece of fire apparatus that is responding to a call. Juniors shall wear full protective turnout gear to all calls unless otherwise instructed by the person in charge of the apparatus.
- 5.6 When riding any piece of apparatus, junior firefighters shall position themselves in a seat with a seat belt in place and securely fastened. Under no circumstances will a junior stand up on an apparatus while the apparatus is moving.
- 5.7 Junior firefighters shall await orders from the person in charge of the apparatus. At no time will a junior firefighter freelance on scene.
- 5.8 All instructions of the person in charge of the apparatus must be followed exactly. If you are not sure what you are doing or have been assigned something you are not permitted to do, say so right away so your task can be clarified or someone else can be given the assignment.
- 5.9 Junior members ages 14 & 15 are not permitted to respond to any out-of-town assignments.
- 5.10 Junior members ages 16 & 17 are permitted to respond to the following districts: Lenola, Moorestown, Beverly, Palmyra, Delanco, Willingboro, Mt. Laurel, Cinnaminson & Riverside. (This will be at the discretion of the towns Chiefs and SOPs)
- 5.11 Junior members, in reverse seniority, shall give up their seat to any senior firefighter upon request for any out-of-town assignment. All junior members shall stage outside of the apparatus by the officer seat to await directions from the officer to board the apparatus.
- 5.12 Junior members are not permitted to respond to out of county or out of state responses.
- 5.13 There should be no more than 2 junior members on any apparatus unless directed by the person in charge of the apparatus.
- 5.14 Junior members who are on the apparatus on an incident on a major roadway such as Route 130 shall remain on board the apparatus unless given specific orders by the person in charge of the apparatus.
- 5.15 Junior members are not permitted to respond on the apparatus to the following calls:

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- R.I.C. assignments – discretion of the person in charge of the apparatus
- Cover assignments - discretion of the person in charge of the apparatus
- Pipeline assignments- discretion of the person in charge of the apparatus
- Rehab assignments - - discretion of the person in charge of the apparatus
- Wildland urban interface strike team assignments
- Fire Police assignments, (in and out of town)
- Hazardous Materials and Foam assignments
- Biological/Radioactive/nuclear hazards
- Terrorist or explosion Incident

6.0 SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP

- 6.1 Department Officers & Senior Fire Firefighters will supervise and mentor Junior Firefighters during all activities.
- 6.2 Department Officers & Senior Fire Firefighters will provide guidance and instruction to ensure the safety and development of Junior Firefighters.

7.0 LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- 7.1 Junior Firefighters may not operate any motorized firefighting equipment
- 7.2 Junior Firefighters may not enter any structure during firefighting operations.

8.0 DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL

Junior Firefighters will be subject to membership review and face disciplinary action up to termination for the following acts:

- 8.1 Failure to comply with department guidelines and procedures.
- 8.2 Acts that negatively reflect the Junior Fire Program, Fire Company & or Fire District.

9.0 CONCLUSION

- 9.1 This SOP outlines the guidelines and procedures for the Delran Fire Department Junior Program in accordance with P.L. 2020 Chapter 126. The Program is intended to provide valuable experience and education to young individuals interested in firefighting while ensuring their safety and well-being.

Official Approval

Name: Joseph M Cunningham SR.

Title: Chief

Signature: Joseph M Cunningham SR.

Date: 28 MAY 2024