

Bailey Fire Department

Junior Firefighter Rules and Regulations

Membership Eligibility:

Candidates will,

- . Be at least 16 years of age (proof of age required)
- . Have a valid NC driver's license (license background required)
- . Be earning a C average or better in each school course (copy of most recent report card required). If any grade falls below a C the junior member will be put on probation until grades are back up. If grades fall on last reporting period of school year the junior member will be put on probation the first month of the summer break.
- . Submit application to the department. The candidate will be invited to an interview with the officers of the department. Parent/Guardian will also be expected to attend the interview to answer any question.
- . Be voted on by the members of BVFD
- . Be on probation for 6 months. After a 6-month period, members of BVFD will vote junior firefighter on again.
- . When junior Firefighters become 18 years of age, they may apply to become a member of the BVFD. Junior Firefighters also have the option of remaining in the Junior Department until he/she is 21 years of age.

Junior Firefighter member Conduct:

- . While at the station or representing the BVFD, all members will act in a mature and responsible manner.
- . Any questions, problems, or complaints should be directed to an adult advisor of the Junior Firefighter Program.
- . If there are any problems or complaints with the Junior Firefighter, they will be directed through an adult advisor. If problem continues, then the Junior Firefighter will be invited to a meeting with the Officers.
- . All members are to obey and respect all fire department members.
- . Members are not to bring visitors on calls.
- . All members are to follow instructions given by any Officer and /or advisor of the BVFD.
- . Absolutely no use of alcohol, drugs, or any other controlled substance.

- . Members must leave station by 10:00 pm every night.
If a Junior FF does not have class the next day, the junior may answer calls after 10:00 if it is okay with the parents.
- . All members will obey **all** traffic laws at all times. Absolutely no exceptions!
Members may be subject to dismissal or suspended for any traffic violations or known violations responding to an emergency.
- . Failure to obey any rule or regulation may result in a suspension period or dismissal to be determined by the officers based upon the incident.
- . Any member whose grades fall below a C average in any school class will be on probation until grades are back up.
- . Once the school gives out report cards, members will have **one week** to turn report cards in to the chief of the BVFD. If not turned in during this time, member will be suspended until the next grading period. (No Copies, Original Report Cards Only)

Meetings:

- . Business/training meetings will be held once per month. Members cannot have more than two consecutive unexcused absences. To be excused, member needs to contact adult advisor. Members may be excused because of personal illness, excessive homework, exams, and change in work schedule, out of town, or family emergency.
- . Training meetings are also held once a month.
- . Classes through Nash Community & Wilson Tech. are offered at the fire station throughout the year. There is an agenda board in the fire station to keep members posted on upcoming events.
- . Adult Advisors may hold meetings with Junior Firefighters as needed.
- . Junior Firefighters are also required to attend business meetings of the BVFD and cannot have more than two consecutive unexcused absences.
- . Training can only be attended at the Bailey Fire Department. The Junior Firefighter cannot attend training outside of the Bailey Fire Department.

Department Property:

- . Each member will be assigned the necessary equipment as quickly as possible. Upon termination of membership, members must return all department property to an officer or adult advisor.
- . All equipment, tools, etc. should be treated as if they are your own.

- . Any misuse of equipment by a member will result in disciplinary action.
- . Members are not allowed to drive fire department owned vehicles.
- . Members will help keep the fire station, equipment, and apparatus clean.
- . Physical violence or destruction of property will **not** be tolerated

Members MAY NOT (Continued)

- . Drive POV to fire scenes.
- . Direct traffic at the scene of a fire or other emergency.
- . Wear pager to schools or leave school and respond to any emergency.
- . Respond to a emergency call after 10:00 pm on a school night.
Junior Firefighters who answers a call before 10:00 pm may stay for the duration of the call.
- . Climb any ladders during training or fire related activities.

Departmental Policy:

- . Hot Zone is 50 feet past the first coupling of Fire Department Pumper

ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INCIDENT COMMANDER!

Sponsors and Adult Advisors

Sponsors:

- . Sponsors must be members of the BVFD, but cannot be a Junior Firefighter
- . Sponsors will be 21 years of age.
- . Members may only sponsor (1) Junior Firefighter, other than their own child, at any given time.
- . Sponsors must not be on probation.

Adult Advisors:

- . Adult Advisors will be members of the BVFD for 3 years or more.
- . Adult Advisors will be at least 21 years old.
- . Adult Advisors will be responsible for the Guidance, Training, and Safety for Junior Firefighter Program and its members.

Operational Guidelines:

- . Members will be equipped with personal protective equipment that is appropriate for the activity being performed.
- . Members shall immediately report any accident or injury to an officer.
- . Members will be trained on equipment before being allowed to use it.
- . Emergency/Hazard Lights prohibited.
- . Pagers are not to be worn at school, even if a teacher approves it. No member is to leave school to respond to an emergency.
- . Members may not climb or ride aerial ladders.
- . Members may not climb ground ladders that exceed 14 feet in length.
- . Members may not enter or perform ventilation on a burning structure.

Additional Clarification:

Members **MAY**:

- . With proper training, fight ground fires when they are directly supervised, unless the ground fire is approaching a structure or vehicle.
- . Attend and take part in trainings and meetings.
- . Attend Fire Services Training through Nash Community and/or Wilson Tech.
- . Participate in the “cold zone” at an emergency scene. This could be assisting in water supply efforts, assisting other firefighters in donning and doffing SCBAs and other support functions that do not expose member to hazardous areas or atmospheres.
- . Pick up hose and clean up at fire scene after is has been declared safe by the Incident Commander.
- . Enter a structure when accompanied by an officer, once the structure has been determined safe by the Incident Commander.
- . Use pressure hose lines if properly trained, under the direction of an officer and out of the danger area.

Members **MAY NOT**:

- . Perform fire suppression involving structures, vehicles, or hazardous materials.
- . Drive fire department apparatus.
- . Respond to calls with operating red lights/flashers in their vehicles.
- . Respond to hazardous materials events (except for support functions within the cold

zone).

- . Perform any activity, except training which involves the use of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- . Participate or assist in any extrication activities at the scene of an accident or emergency except in the capacity of a support function.
- . Participate in any activities at the scene of an accident or where fire is involved, unless they are performing a support function form outside the danger area.