



DISTRICT OF LOGAN LAKE FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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PURPOSE: Describes the role of the Junior Firefighter.

SCOPE: Junior Firefighter.

POLICY: *The Junior Firefighter Program was instituted by the District of Logan Lake Fire/Rescue Department as a training program for youth ages 15 to 18 interested in serving their community and preparing to become active Firefighters upon reaching the age of 19. At age 19, the Junior Firefighter is eligible to become a fulltime member of the Logan Lake Fire/Rescue Department.*

Being a Junior Firefighter is a rewarding way to learn skills used in firefighting and emergency medicine. All equipment, training, uniforms, and protective clothing are provided at no cost.

PROCEDURE:

Junior Firefighters are expected to act in a mature manner and commit to a demanding, long-term program.

Junior Firefighters need to be self-starters and willing to learn. Junior firefighters who regularly strive to learn more and be involved will be rewarded with increased levels of responsibility and opportunities. Junior Firefighter members who do not contribute to the department will be removed from active status to allow other juniors the opportunity.

In training sessions the safety of the Junior Firefighters is of paramount concern to the department. As such, the activities of the Junior Firefighter are limited in scope and the Fire Officers closely supervise them.

1. The Junior Firefighter will attend weekly training drills and will have a Training Officer assigned to them.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Any Resident of the District of Logan Lake (or within the rural jurisdiction) between the ages of 15 - 18 may apply for membership in the Logan Lake Fire/Rescue Department Junior Program.
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.

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3. The applicant must complete an application and have parental or legal guardian consent. Final approval of the application is sole discretion of the Fire Chief.
4. Junior Firefighters must be able to follow directions. They should be in good physical condition to perform essential fire ground tasks. Junior Firefighters must be able to attend 50% of all scheduled training.
5. Junior Firefighters must supply 2 references and a consent letter from the school to ensure the Junior Firefighter program does not interfere with any School work.

GENERAL RULES:

1. The general standard of conduct is to act in the manner of a professional. Junior Firefighters represent the Logan Lake Fire/Rescue Department (LLFRD) and are expected to be courteous and respectful to fellow firefighters, emergency services personnel, and all citizens served. The LLFRD will not tolerate vulgar, offensive, discriminatory or threatening language or gestures at any time. Junior Firefighters may not wear any articles of clothing that in the opinion of a Fire Officer, would be offensive to the public served. Violations will result in disciplinary action, and may include suspension.
2. The LLFRD maintains a “zero tolerance” policy with respect to drug and alcohol use and violation of public laws. Any possession of alcohol, cannabis, or illegal drugs, or being under the influence of any of the above on LLFRD premises, apparatus, training drill, official function, or while in LLFRD uniform will result in immediate and permanent suspension from the LLFRD Junior Firefighter program. Junior Firefighters may not smoke as outlined in OG# 5.3.2 and are subject to all Social Media guidelines as outlined in OG # 5.3.5. Any arrest or conviction for a crime will result in a review of the circumstances by the Fire Chief (and any Officers, at the Fire Chief’s discretion) may result in disciplinary action, including permanent suspension.
3. Junior Firefighters may not use or display emergency identification on their personal vehicle (i.e. red lights and fire department plates). Junior Firefighters may not wear clothing identifying them as a LLFRD firefighter, except assigned protective gear, uniforms or logo shirts/hats worn for official purposes only. Junior Firefighters will not be issued identification cards.
4. Junior Firefighters may not enter the Fire station unless a senior member of the department is present, and then only for official business (training drills, department meeting, work detail). Junior Firefighters will be given door lock combinations. Junior Firefighters may not bring friends into the

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Fire Station or permit them to be aboard fire apparatus unless given permission by a Senior Firefighter and are supervised.

5. Junior Firefighters must leave the station no more than 30 minutes following completion of the training drill, department meeting, or work detail.
6. Junior Firefighters may not borrow any LLFRD equipment for personal use.
7. Junior Firefighters may not operate LLFRD vehicles.
8. Power tools, hydraulic and pressurized air operated equipment, and cutting devices such as chain saws/roof saws, air bags and Amkus Tools are to be operated **only under direct supervision of a Fire Officer or designee**. Power tools are to be used for training purposes only. Full protective gear, including gloves and eye covering must be worn by the Junior Firefighters when operating any power tools, hydraulic or pressurized air operating equipment, or cutting device.
9. Junior Firefighters may climb LLFRD ground ladders or aerial ladder for training purposes only. Any ladder use must be under the direct supervision of a LLFRD Fire Officer or designee. A ladder belt or safety harness and full protective gear must be worn at all times.
10. Junior Firefighters are not to participate in any LLFRD activities including emergencies, during school hours. Junior Firefighters are not to leave school, or a school sponsored activity, for an emergency response. Junior Firefighters will not be assigned pagers or radios.
11. Junior Firefighters must attend a minimum of 50% of training drills or meetings conducted each year. Junior Firefighters are not required to respond to emergency calls.
12. Junior Firefighters are responsible for the care of all LLFRD gear issued to them, and are financially responsible for loss or damage from other than official use as a Junior Firefighter.
13. Junior Fire Fighters may not fill SCBA air bottles, and are to remain clear of the filling area when bottles are being filled.
14. No Junior Firefighter is to ride on a truck step, All Junior Firefighters are to be seated in the truck with a seatbelt on when the apparatus is in motion. Junior Firefighters may not repack hose from the hose bed if the truck is in motion.
15. Report any injury to a LLFRD Officer or firefighter.

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REFERENCES:

- OG # 5.3.1 Use of Alcohol and Drugs
- OG # 5.3.2 Smoking
- OG # 5.3.5 Social Media
- Appendix D – Form 26 – Junior Fire Fighter Application

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