



SAFETY AWARENESS BULLETIN

(A Loss Control Service of Fire Department - PAK)

RECOMMENDED FIREFIGHTER CADET PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

This program will provide the Operational Guidelines and the skills needed for any high school student to prepare themselves to become a regular firefighter in any volunteer or career fire department. This program will be open to any applicant at least fourteen (14) years of age to the maximum age of legal majority (in most states 18 years of age).

REQUIREMENTS:

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be between 14 years of age and the maximum age of legal majority (in most states 18 years of age).
2. Be in good health.
3. Must complete the membership application and the Parents Consent Authorization Form.
4. Must provide a character references from each of two teachers.
5. Must be physically able to perform the duties of a Fire Cadet.
6. Must be able to follow strict orders.
7. Must provide proof the Fire Cadet maintains a C average or better while attending school.

ALLOWABLE DUTIES OF THE FIRE CADET:

Each Fire Cadet will be allowed to do the following Fire Department functions:

1. All Fire Cadets will be eligible to attend all regular meetings, in house training sessions and any Fire Department activity.
2. All Fire Cadets will be required to attend Cadet training classes and membership meetings.
3. All Fire Cadets will be allowed to respond to emergency incident scenes, except those listed in the Non-Allowable Section of these guidelines, under the following conditions:
 - A. When permitted to respond to the emergency incident scene, the Fire Cadet responsibility will be of a support nature only.
 - B. The Fire Cadet is prohibited to respond directly to any incident scene. All Fire Cadets shall report (non-emergency) to their assigned station first. Upon request of the Incident Commander, Chief Officer or Station Officer (and directly under adult supervision), shall the Fire Cadet respond to any incident scene.
 - C. The Fire Cadet's response may be in a personal vehicle, department vehicle or department apparatus, provided the department vehicle or apparatus is not considered to be the first initial attack vehicle or apparatus arriving on the incident scene.
 - D. The Fire Cadet will be allowed to assist the firefighters with regular maintenance of station facilities, equipment and apparatus.
 - E. The Fire Cadet may operate (i.e. pump apparatus, set up equipment, etc.) the Fire Department's apparatus during a supervised (non-incident alarm) training session.
 - F. Fire Cadets will be utilized as support personnel on scenes as long as they operate outside a minimum safety zone area during incidents.
 - G. Complete reading and homework assignments for training activities.

NON-ALLOWABLE DUTIES:

The following Non-Allowable Duties shall be prohibited to all Fire Cadets:

1. No Fire Cadet shall be allowed to respond directly to any incident scene.
2. No Fire Cadet shall be allowed to be actively or directly involved in any of the following incidents:
 - A. Participate on any entry team while at the scene of a working structure fire or while conducting a live fire burn training exercise.
 - B. Participate on any entry team at a vehicle fire.
 - C. Participate in any offensive fire attack at natural ground cover fires.
 - D. Participate at any hazardous material or pollution spill incident.
 - E. Participate at any emergency rescue or emergency medical incident.
 - F. No Fire Cadet will be allowed to operate any emergency vehicle owned or used by the fire department on any public thoroughfare.
 - G. No Fire Cadet shall be authorized to have or install any emergency light or siren on their personal vehicle.

COURSE TRAINING SUBJECTS:

As a guideline, the following course outline shall be the first step of the training levels as established by this department and as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association.

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| 1. Orientation | 10. Automatic Sprinklers |
| 2. Fire Behavior | 11. Salvage and Overhaul |
| 3. Communications | 12. Breathing Apparatus |
| 4. Ropes and Knots | 13. Fire Hose |
| 5. Rescue Operations | 14. Fire Streams |
| 6. First Aid | 15. Fire Ground Ladders |
| 7. Forcible Entry | 16. Natural Ground Cover Fires |
| 8. Ventilation | 17. Hazardous Materials |
| 9. Fire Inspections | 18. Vehicle Rescue |

Disciplinary Clause:

All Fire Cadets shall be required to operate under the accepted operating guidelines of this Department. Failure to accept or adhere to any guideline as established shall be just cause for disciplinary action in the form of suspension or termination as a member of this Fire Cadet Program.



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Sample Notification Letter and Parental Consent Form

Fire Department: _____

FIRE CADET PROGRAM

To: Parents of Fire Cadet Applicants
From: (Local Fire Department name here)
Re: Son/Daughter's Application to become a fire Cadet)

Dear Parents:

Your son/daughter has requested an application indicating their interest in becoming a Fire Cadet with this Fire Department.

Please review the attached Operating Guidelines and the attached Parental Consent Form. If you grant permission for their membership with this Fire Department, please complete the consent form below and return it to the Fire Department.

Note: Local Fire Department should use their existing membership application for the Fire Cadet program.

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

We have reviewed the application and operating guidelines relating to the Fire Cadet program and understand the requirements of being a Fire Cadet.

We also understand my son/daughter's performance, responsibilities and duties as a Fire Cadet with the _____ (Name of Department) _____.

We hereby give _____ (Name of Fire Cadet) _____ our consent to become a Fire Cadet with the _____ (Name of Department) _____.

Parents or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Signature of Parents/Guardians: _____ Relationship: _____

_____ Relationship: _____