

SHELBYVILLE FIRE & RESCUE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES



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The junior firefighter program was instituted by the members of Shelbyville Fire and Rescue as a training program for the young man and women, aged 15 to 17, interested in serving their community and preparing to become active firefighters upon reaching the age of 18.

As a junior firefighter, members serve a support role for the senior firefighters at actual emergencies as a supplement to a formal training program. The junior firefighters attend weekly training opportunities with the senior firefighters. Those selected for this program are expected to act maturely and commit to a long, demanding program.

This program can open up opportunities for the junior firefighter as a competitive \$1000.00 scholarship, to assist with secondary education costs, is offered for high school seniors entering into a fire or related field.


In both training and actual emergency situations, the safety of the junior firefighter is of paramount concern to the department. As such, the activities of the junior firefighters are limited in scope and the fire officers and advisors closely supervise them. It should be understood, however, that despite the training and supervision provided, firefighting is a dangerous activity and serious injury is a possibility. The fire officers and advisors will make every effort to minimize the junior firefighters' exposure to danger. It is also the responsibility of the junior firefighter to avoid known hazardous situations.

Due to these inherent dangers of firefighting, strict rules of conduct and tight procedural standards have been established. Each member is expected to read and understand these requirements and adhere to them.

Eligibility:

- Any resident of Shelbyville or Shelby County, between the ages of 15-17, may apply for membership with the City of Shelbyville Junior Firefighter program.
- The applicant must complete an application, including a copy of their school physical. Included with the application is a parental consent that must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. The application must be approved by the Shelbyville Fire Chief, and advisors of the program.
- The applicant must be enrolled in public, private, or home school in good standing who meet the attendance regulations as set forth by federal, state, or local authorities; **a student must maintain a course grade average or the equivalent of the letter "C" in all courses of study;** and
- The junior firefighter shall provide a copy of their academic progress report information to the lead advisor of the program every time one is received.

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JRFF's on an incident scene shall never:


- Serve as the Incident Commander during non-emergency and/or emergency responses;
- Drive or move fire department apparatus;
- Participate in the place of trained personnel during non-emergency or emergency responses;
- Engage in any non-emergency or emergency activities which may expose the JRFF to any situation which may be **Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH)** as defined by the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), involving any fire or smoke conditions to include structure, vehicle, dumpster, wildland, gases, or rubbish fire; and/or operating in any Hazardous Materials control activities;
- Operate hydraulic or power tools while on a non-emergency or emergency incident scene;
- Participate in ventilation on a non-emergency or emergency incident scene which involve the JRFF encountering an IDLH;
- Climb ladders during non-emergency or emergency incident responses to include aerial and/or ground ladders;
- Be responsible for apparatus operations; or
- Be responsible or participate in traffic control activities.

JRFF's on an incident scene may assist with the following activities:

- Accountability;
- Rehabilitation Area (Rehab);
- Exterior operations of hose to include operations and relocation of hose 3" or less in size, rolling and loading of hose outside an IDLH atmosphere;
- Retrieval of equipment and/or tools from apparatus.

JRFF's Training Requirements:

- May attend other classes not identified below when approved by Fire Chief and Program Coordinator, when no IDLH activities are involved;
- May attend specifically designed JRFF classes taught by Kentucky Fire Commission instructors.
- JRFF 15-17 years of age, whom are properly equipped with personal protective equipment, are permitted to participate in classroom and skills/hands-on training in the following areas:
 - FF Olympics when approved by the Fire Chief and Program Coordinator
 - Administration and Organization
 - Safety
 - Communications
 - Fire Behavior (See below requirements for "live" fire training)
 - Portable Extinguishers (using a burn pan no larger than 36 x 36)
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Forcible Entry (may include power/hydraulic tools when under direct instructor supervision)


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- Ventilation (may include power saws when under direct instructor supervision and when secured with fall protection)
- Ropes and Knots (See Rescue for Technical Rope Rescue)
- ~~Ladders (shall include the use of a ladder belt or safety harness for fall prevention)~~
- ~~Aerial Ladders (shall not exceed 60 degree climbing angle and 75 feet in height, shall include use of a ladder belt or safety harness for fall prevention)~~
- Junior members are NOT permitted to climb ladders of any kind during training or during any incident.
- Hose/Nozzles/Appliances (shall not exceed hose line greater than 3’)
- Foam (shall not exceed hose line size greater than 3’)
- **Fire Control (see Live Fire chart below)**
- Loss Control (Salvage/Overhaul)
- Emergency Medical Care (shall meet all governing agency requirements)
- **Rescue (see Rescue chart below)**
- Water Supply
- Sprinklers (Fire Protection Systems and Alarms)
- Hazardous Materials (shall not be subject to “Live” products or an IDLH) may only be simulated operations.
- Fire Prevention/Public Education
- Building Construction
- Aircraft Crash-Fire-Rescue (see Live Fire chart below)
- Emergency Disaster Planning
- Pump Operations
- Drivers Training (shall only be by a licensed driver and only on a closed cone course under direct instructor supervision). (Driver Simulator is permitted by Non-Licensed JRFF). JRFF’s are not permitted to drive fire department apparatus.
- Kentucky Firefighter Survival (may participate in all skills)
- Kentucky Firefighter Rescue (may participate in all skills)
- Kentucky Wildland Awareness (may participate in all skills)

The above duties may be performed only between the hours of 7:00 am–9:00 pm during school year and 7:00 am-10:00 pm during non-school year.

General Rules:

- The general standard of conduct is to act in a manner of a professional. Junior firefighters represent the City of Shelbyville and are expected to be courteous and respectful to fellow firefighters, emergency service personnel, and all citizens. The Shelbyville Fire Department will not tolerate vulgar, offensive, discriminatory, or threatening language or gestures at any time. Violations will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension from the program.

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- Shelbyville Fire and Rescue maintains a zero tolerance policy with respect to drugs and alcohol use and violation of laws. Any junior firefighter found to be under the influence at any time will be dismissed from the program.
- Junior firefighters must report to the station for all calls.
- Junior members who are at least 16 years of age and have been approved to respond to alarms on apparatus shall don full protective gear before boarding any piece of fire apparatus that is responding to a call.
- Junior firefighters will be allowed to ride on fire department apparatus in any mode.
- While on any apparatus, ~~all personnel shall be seated with their seatbelt on~~ junior members shall position themselves in a seat with a seatbelt in place and securely fastened.
- Junior firefighters are NOT permitted to drive fire department apparatus of any kind.
- Junior firefighters are responsible for the care of all equipment issued to them.
- No firefighter, including junior firefighters, shall accept any monetary payment or gifts for services rendered as a firefighter.
- Theft will not be tolerated.

• Live Fire Training	
Structural Firefighting	Fire-Blast or Pro-Safe Burn Trailers, Shall stay outside the burn room, Shall be under direct supervision of an SFRT Instructor
Vehicle Firefighting	Fire-Blast vehicle fire prop only, Shall be under direct supervision of SFRT instructor
Aircraft Firefighting	Fire-Blast helicopter fire prop only, shall be under direct supervision of SFRT instructor
Flammable Liquids Firefighting	Shall be SFRT exterior FLAG prop only, under direct supervision of SFRT instructor
Flammable Gases Firefighting	Shall be SFRT exterior FLAG prop only, under direct supervision of SFRT instructor
Trash Container/ Rubbish Firefighting	Shall be SFRT prop only, under direct supervision of SFRT instructor
Wildland Firefighting	No Live Fire Training Permitted

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Technical Rescue Training

Low and High Angle Rope Rescue	Shall be by approved and recognized standards and curricula, shall be under direct supervision of instructor, JRFF shall have a full-body harness and secured with a belay, shall be from a height of no more than 75 feet
Trench Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Confined Space Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Collapse Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Vehicle Extrication and Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Farm & Machinery Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Swift Water Rescue	IS NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE
Dive Rescue	IS NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE
Ice Rescue	IS NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE