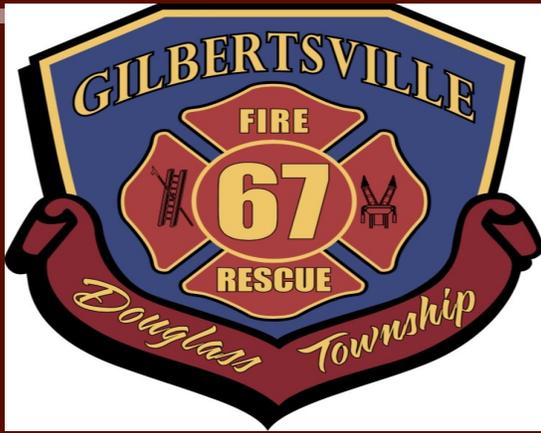


GILBERTSVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

MONTGOMERY COUNTY STATION 67



Requirements

- You must obtain and have a required valid “working permit” to be active.
- You must be in good standing with your school and community.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5. It is important to remember that you are a student first.
- A parental permission form needs to be signed and a parent must be present when you turn in your application to join.
- Applications may be obtained at the fire station on any Thursday evening between 7:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.



The goal of this program is to provide training, mentoring and guidance to individuals between 16 and 18 years of age who are interested in the volunteer fire service provided in Douglass Township Pennsylvania. This program is conducted on a yearly basis to show those community individuals who wish to further educate themselves and gain knowledge on what it is that a volunteer firefighter who provides public safety is all about.

Our programs follow the Pennsylvania Junior Emergency Service Program Compliance Manual. Even though Firefighters and emergency service personnel are required by law to be at least 18 years of age, it does not mean that you cannot begin contributing to your community at an earlier age. Our junior firefighter program provides an opportunity for younger individuals to begin to develop skills and knowledge to be prepared to enter the fire service and possibly pursue a career in this field while helping those in their community.

Your training will cover every aspect of the fire service. During training you can learn to develop many practical and valuable skills, such as donning personal protective equipment, how to use and maintain the tools needed to fight fires and conduct rescues including basic first aid, rope and knots, search and rescue techniques, forcible entry, the dynamics of fire, ventilation, emergency evacuations and knowledge of hazards in your community.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Learning new skills
- Being part of a great team
- Responding to emergencies
- Learning skills that will last a lifetime
- Building friendships that will last forever
- Helping people and serving your community
- Free training and education

REASONS TO JOIN THE PROGRAM:

- Looking for an after school activity
- Community service hours needed
- Resume builder for college and/or job search
- Scholarship opportunities
- Camaraderie
- Create strong connections in your community
- Saving lives and property



Are you looking for a program to take part in after school? Considering a career in emergency services? Then check out our Junior Firefighter program at Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company. We would love to have you join our team! Stop by on any Thursday evening after 6:30PM to check us out or contact us at 610-367-0277.

DON'T WAIT! JOIN OUR TEAM TODAY!

Being a junior firefighter is a great and rewarding way to meet others in your community who share the values and beliefs of community service.

APPROVED JUNIOR DUTIES AT A FIRE SCENE

- Juniors may assist apparatus driver in a Cold Zone
- Juniors may enter a structure once an incident commander declares structure safe and in salvage stage.
- Juniors may assist in rolling hoses, putting away gear, and other non-hazardous duties.



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Juniors will not be substituted for trained personnel.
- Juniors must be equipped with personal protective equipment that is appropriate for activity.
- Fire Company will equip juniors with a special colored helmet as an indicator.
- Juniors may be mobilized only as a post, with required leadership.
- Juniors are not on call as individuals and may not drive a vehicle to any incident.
- Juniors who ride on any apparatus must be seated and wearing a seatbelt.
- Juniors may not climb ground ladders or aerial ladders over 35 feet or not supported against any structure.
- Juniors may not enter or perform ventilation procedures on any burning structures.
- Juniors may not use any tools or gloves on energized electrical equipment.





RIDING FIRE APPARATUS GUIDELINES

- Juniors must be Age Sixteen (16) or older to be eligible to participate in ride-a-long of any fire company apparatus.
 - Juniors must participate in program for a minimum of 6 months before being eligible for ride-a-long program of any fire company apparatus.
 - Juniors must have documentation of successful completion of Blood Borne Pathogens, CPR and basic first aid training.
 - Fire Company must document all training hours and course completions for each participant and keep on file.
 - Juniors must always be under direct Adult Leadership supervision during any ride-a-long.
 - Juniors shall remain with trained personnel in cold zone of any emergency scene.
 - Junior riding hours for High School Students are 0800-2200 if junior has school the next day.
 - Juniors may only participate during non-classified school hours.
 - Juniors may respond only during hours they are scheduled to be at fire station and approved by the Fire Chief.
- Juniors may not leave fire station unless cleared by Fire Officer.

Q & A

Who can be a Junior Firefighter at Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue?

Any interested person in our community that is 16 to 18 years of age.

What are the minimum requirements I need to meet to be a Junior Firefighter?

To be a Junior Firefighter you must obtain a valid working permit, have parental consent and maintain a 2.5 grade point average in school.

What kind of training do I need?

You need nothing to start! We will provide all training and education needed to become a successful volunteer firefighter.

What will I do as a volunteer at Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue?

As a Junior Firefighter, members serve in a support role for the senior firefighters at actual emergencies. Junior Firefighters attend weekly training drills with the Department. Junior Firefighters quickly become an integral part of the firefighting team during emergencies, serving in such important capacities as establishing a water supply, supplying equipment for interior firefighters or during rescue operations, changing air packs, manning exterior hose lines and assisting with interior overhaul once a fire has been extinguished.

Are there ways that I can help the fire company without being a first responder? Yes! We can always use help with fundraising, retention and recruitment, community events and other non-emergency activities.



Additional Permissible Duties for Junior Firefighters

- Participate in fire drills, attend classes in firefighting, emergency medical and related subjects.
- Using radio and other communication equipment under Adult Supervision.
- Maintain fire equipment and assist with fire house maintenance of facilities and grounds.



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