



Estherville Fire Department

27 S 5th St, Estherville, IA 51334

Purpose:

Generally, student firefighter programs provide the Operational Guideline and the skills needed for any high school student to prepare themselves to become a regular firefighter in any volunteer or career fire department.

Suggested Guidelines:

Each applicant should meet the following criteria.

1. Complete the membership application and the Parents' Consent.
2. Must be 16 years of age and have at least started 11th grade to join and can participate until graduation of high school.
3. Must maintain at least a "C" average through tenth grade and throughout the rest of the program.
4. Provide character references from two teachers.
5. Remain directly under adult supervision.
6. Never be left 1-on-one with an adult.
7. Will need to pass a firefighter physical and fit test, that will be provided by the department.
8. Be able to follow strict orders.

Preferred Duties of the Student Firefighter:

Each Student Firefighter:

1. Should attend training (second Tuesday every month) and membership meetings (last Wednesday of every month)
2. May attend all work nights, in house training session and any Fire Department activity.
3. May be able to assist the firefighters with regular maintenance of station facilities, equipment and apparatus.
4. May operate the Fire Department's apparatus (i.e. pump apparatus, equipment set-up, etc.) during a supervised (non-incident alarm) training session.
5. May respond to emergency incident scenes, except those listed in the Non-Preferred Section of these guidelines, under the following conditions:
 - a. When permitted to respond to the emergency incident scene, the Student Firefighter responsibility should be of a support nature only.
 - b. The Student Firefighter should be prohibited from responding directly to any incident scene. All Student Firefighter should report (non-emergency) to the station first. Only upon request of the Incident Commander, Chief Officer or Station Officer (and directly under adult supervision), should the Student Firefighter respond to any incident scene.
 - c. The Student Firefighter 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 Student Firefighter should be utilized as support personnel on scenes as long as they operate outside a minimum safety zone area during incidents.
- e. Student Firefighter must participate in the following activities:
 - I. Hose testing
 - II. Sweet Corn Days activities
 - III. MDA Boot Block
 - IV. Annual Pancake Breakfast
 - V. Fire Prevention Classes

Non-Preferred Duties:

1. No Student Firefighter should be allowed to respond directly to any incident scene. Unless ok'd by Incident Command.
2. No Student Firefighter should be allowed to:
 - 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.
3. No Student Firefighter should be allowed to operate any emergency vehicle owned or used by the fire department on any public thoroughfare
4. No Student Firefighter should 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 should 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. Structural Search and Rescue |
| 2. Communication | 11. Tactical Ventilation |
| 3. Building Construction | 12. Fire Hose |
| 4. Fire Dynamics | 13. Hose Operation and Hose Streams |
| 5. Fire Fighter Personal Protective Equipment | 14. Fire Suppression |
| 6. Portable Fire Extinguishers | 15. Overhaul |
| 7. Ropes and Knots | 16. First Aid |
| 8. Ground Ladders | 17. NIMS- ICS 100, 200, 700 |
| 9. Forcible Entry | 18. Hazmat Operations |

Disciplinary Clause:

All Student Firefighter should be required to operate under the accepted operating guidelines of this department. Failure to accept or adhere to any guideline as established should be just cause for disciplinary action in the form of suspension or termination as a member of this Student Firefighter program.

