

# **Town of Vernon Fire Department Junior Fire Department Training and Advancement Program**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this program is to outline the Town of Vernon Junior Fire Department Training Program and to define the minimum requirements for advancement within the Junior Program.

## **DISCUSSION**

The intent of the Junior program is to teach young men and women about the fire service and to train them to assist senior firefighters at emergency scenes. It is a desire of this program that once a Junior firefighter reaches the legal age to join the seniors, he or she is ready and able to fill the shoes of a trained firefighter.

This program will provide the course outline for training Junior firefighters and will establish the minimum requirements for Junior advancement, as discussed below.

## **MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

There are two membership levels within the junior program, "Basic" and "Advanced". These level define the training competency of the member and are NOT age depended.

### **BASIC LEVEL**

Includes all new members to the Junior Program (and existing members who can not demonstrate the skills required for Advancement Level).

This level is designed to provide an education to all members on the basic firefighting terms, evolution and tactics and strategies employed by the Town of Vernon Fire Department

A person in this category is assigned strictly to the junior organization, attends junior training drills and exercises and is NOT assigned to a company.

Training for these members will be, as a minimum, as outlined in Attachment 1 of this program.

A person in this category does not respond to emergency calls and is not allowed to ride on the ambulance.

### ADVANCED LEVEL

Includes members who have attended Basic Level training and drills and possess the knowledge and skills outlined in Attachment 2 to this program.

This level is designed to allow Junior firefighters who have achieved basic skills and knowledge to advance in their training by assigning them to a Senior Company. This is for the purpose of exposing them to a higher level of training, providing real life first hand experiences and getting them accustomed to working with Senior firefighters.

Members in this category are assigned to a Senior company. They can respond to emergency calls as described in the Junior By-laws. They may ride the ambulance (as an observer or third), as long they have reached the age of 16 and have written approval from a parent or guardian.

Members in this category can attend Senior company drills and meetings. They shall attend Junior Company meetings and special drills. Emphasis shall be placed on the Junior program.

To advance to this level, a member must demonstrate the knowledge and skills outlined in Attachment No. 2. At least two Junior Advisors must sign the skills sheet attesting to the member's ability. This skill sheet will be presented by the Junior Advisors (only one need to be present) to the next Officer's meeting, where the officers will vote on acceptance and assign a Senior Company.

### **ATTACHMENT NO. 1 - Basic Training Program Outline**

### **ATTACHMENT NO. 2 - Advanced Level Skills Sheet**

# Town of Vernon Junior Fire Department Training Program Outline

## ATTACHMENT NO. 1

***This outline is provided to illustrate the training information and skills provided in the Junior Program. It is not intended to be all inclusive of all the training received, or place limits on what can be trained on. This outline does not have to be followed in any order, specially since some topics will need to be trained on at different times to achieve mastery skill of the subject.***

- SOP's and Bylaws of the Town of Vernon Fire Department
- Safety
- Sexual Harassment
  - What is it?
  - How the town / department feels about it
- Bloodborne / Airborne Pathogens
  - What is it?
  - Exposure threat / risk
- Personnel accountability
  - Tag system
  - PASS device
- TVFD Incident Command System
  - Command
  - Operations
  - Safety
  - Sector Commanders
  - Other duties (Water Supply, Medical, etc)
  - Media and Public Relations
- Staging and rehabilitation
  - Personnel staging
  - Apparatus staging
  - Rehabilitation area
- Rapid Intervention Team
  - Purpose
  - How it works
- Personal Protective Equipment
  - Issued gear
  - Dressing "properly"
  - Proper care (inspection and cleaning)
- Self contained breathing apparatus
  - Respiratory hazards and limitations
  - Types and parts
    - Donning and doffing

- Inspection and maintenance
- Fire Apparatus
  - Engines
  - Rescues
  - Ladders
  - Ambulances
- Fire Station Locations
  - Station 141
  - Station 241
  - Station 341
  - Station 441
  - Station 541
  - Station 641
- How and why fire burns
  - Energy
  - Transmission of heat
  - States of matter
  - The combustion process
  - The fire tetrahedron
- Fire Development and how it spreads
  - 5 stages of fire
  - How fire spread
  - Special considerations
- Byproducts of fire
  - Products of combustion
  - Toxic gasses
- Extinguishing fire
  - Extinguishing agents
  - Classes of fire
  - Amazing facts about water
- Hose and appliances
  - Fire hose construction and sizes
  - Cause and prevention of fire hose damage
  - General care and maintenance of fire hose
  - Fire hose couplings (and how they can save your life)
  - Nozzles
  - Hose appliances and hose tools
  - Fire hose sizes
  - Hose appliances and hose tools
- Water supply
  - Principles of municipal water supply systems
  - Principles of rural water supply
  - Types of pressure
- Establishing water supply
  - Hydrant hookup

- Supply hose lays
- Pumping a hydrant
- Hand tools (identification)
  - Cutting
  - Striking
  - Prying
  - Pushing/Pulling
- Power tools (identification)
  - Gasoline Powered Saws
  - Hydraulic Tools
  - Lighting
  - Fans
- Ventilation
  - Advantages of ventilation
  - Considerations affecting the decision to ventilate
  - Vertical ventilation
  - Horizontal ventilation
  - Forced ventilation (negative and positive pressure)
- Loss control tools
  - Philosophy of loss control
  - Salvage
  - Overhaul
- Portable extinguishers
  - Types of portable fire extinguishers
  - Extinguisher rating system
  - Using portable fire extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Loss control
- Portable extinguishers
- SCBA
- Ground Ladders
  - Basic parts of a ladder
  - Ladder types
  - Handling ladders
  - General procedures for raising and climbing ladders
  - Ladder raises
  - Securing the ladder
  - Working on a ladder
- Basic Radio skills and codes

## Town of Vernon Junior Fire Department Advance Level Skills Sheet

### ATTACHMENT NO. 2

A member of the Junior Program must be able to demonstrate basic skills and knowledge in the following areas.

Junior Name: \_\_\_\_\_

	Skill Area	Date	Signed
1	Demonstrate the Proper Donning of PPE		
2	Can State the different duties of an engine, rescue and ladder company		
3	Can state the command structure (Chief, Asst. Chief, Dep. Chief, Capt. Lt.)		
4	Understands the Incident Command System (Command, Operation, Staging, RIT, Water Supply, Etc.)		
5	Understands basic radio techniques, including codes ("50", "71", "73", "72", "54", "Code 10", "23")		
6	Demonstrates fire hydrant connections		
7	Demonstrated proper SCBA hook-ups		
8	Understand proper scene safety		
9	Understands Sexual Harassment Issues		
10	Understands Bloodborne / Airborne Pathogens concerns, and what to do if exposed		
11	Understands Junior member limitations at an emergency scene		
12	Can demonstrate proper ladder evolutions (size, types, carries, placement, etc.)		
13	Can demonstrate proper hose handling (nozzle and stream types, hose sizes and connections)		
14	Understand the name and different types of hand tools		

Senior Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Meeting date: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_