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Derby Fire Department
Standard Operating Procedure Number 16
Firefighters Under the Age of 18 or Still in High School

The purpose for this policy is to create a uniform, Department wide operating plan and procedure for those members under the age of 18 or still in High School. This S.O.P. in no way supercedes any part or section of the DFD Policy and Procedure Manual. Upon joining the auxiliary will be issues a copy of the DFD Policy and Procedure Manual.

Membership:

1. To be a member, the candidate must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Have reached their 16th birthday prior to date of acceptance
 - b. Present their latest school physical stating that they are in good physical condition.
 - c. Present their School report card showing a minimum of passing four (4) full time subjects.
 - d. Completed personal information form.
 - e. Permission slip from parents giving permission to be a member and must include a signature that the parents read and understand this S.O.P. and the Derby Fire Department Policy & Procedure Manual.
2. To remain an active member:
 - a. Annual School physicals must be submitted to the Fire Commissioner stating that the member is in good physical condition.
 - i. Present their School report card showing a minimum of passing four (4) full time subjects.
3. A Member maybe suspended or terminated at their parents request at any time.
4. At any time a Chief Officer, Line Officer or Auxiliary Coordinator feel that the best interest, Safety of or behavior of a member is in jeopardy the member can be relieved of duty pending a hearing. The Commissioner and whom ever the Commissioner chooses to represent the department, the Parents of the member and the member themselves will convene a hearing do decide the disposition of the member

Hours of Operation:

1. During the school year members will follow State of Connecticut Labor and not be allowed to participate in any activity past 10:00pm on a school night. If the member is caught participating in an activity past 10:00pm it will result in 25 hours of service at the Fire House the Commissioner chooses. Failure to complete these service hours within a reasonable time will result in further disciplinary action by the Commissioner.

2. No member in school will leave or be asked to leave for any reason. If the member is caught leaving school to attend call it will result in 25 hours of service at the Fire House the Commissioner chooses. Failure to complete these service hours within a reasonable time will result in further disciplinary action by the Commissioner.
3. During breaks from school all members will vacate the firehouse by 11:00 pm. Failure to comply will result in 25 hours of service at the Fire House the Commissioner chooses. Failure to complete these service hours within a reasonable time will result in further disciplinary action by the Commissioner.

Scope of Operation:

1. No member under the age of 18 will be allowed to use SCBA. Upon which time the member reaches their 18th birthday the Department will offer and the member must pass a Department physical. This procedure is described in Section 8 of the DFD Policy and Procedure Manual. Auxiliary Members are encouraged to attend any and all theory training for SCBA. Upon the completion and passing the Department physical the member will be eligible to be certified.
2. No member under the age of 18 will be allowed to operate any type of electrical, gas; pneumatic or hydraulic type power tools.
3. Members will be allowed to participate in training as long as they follow the guidelines of #1 and 2 listed above.
4. Members will be allowed to respond to emergencies but will not be given a blue light permit. Response mode is strictly limited to priority "2" as established in the DFD Policy and Procedure manual, with the normal flow of traffic.
5. During the operations of an Emergency scene members will act in a support role as listed in the DFD Policy and Procedure manual and established S.O.P's.
6. Any and all operations will be done in conjunction with an Officer or a regular Member.

Training:

All members are encouraged to participate in training as long as they follow the guidelines listed in the Scope of Operations section.

Company Activities:

All members are encouraged to participate in Company activities as long as the above listed guidelines are followed.