

**Kentucky Fire Commission  
JR Firefighter Proposal**

**December 1, 2010**

The following proposal is not to be considered a complete list of guidelines, policies, or procedures for a Jr. Firefighter program (Jr.FF). They represent only the minimum requirements set forth by the Kentucky Fire Commission. This proposal will serve as guidance for the following areas: General, Educational, Training, and Incident Response. It is the responsibility of the Fire Chief and/or Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) to further establish a complete set of **Standard Operating Guidelines** for the Jr.FF program.

Motion Passed 8/16/10

“Butch McKinney said for the 13 YO already in the system and the 14 YO can do classroom training only. Jr.FF 15 and up can do hands-on in a controlled environment by an SFRT in-house instructor. Tiger Robinson to approve.

Kristin Chilton said the grandfather date for 13 YO is as of today. Bobby Bunnell seconded. Motion approved.

**General Requirements**

Jr.FF’s:

- Shall not be substituted for trained of age personnel
- Shall not use tobacco, alcohol products or illegal drugs of any type
- Shall not drive fire department vehicles in the “emergency” or “non-emergency” mode
- Shall not be permitted to drive directly to any incident scene unless determined by department SOP’s
- Shall be of age 14-17 (**Except when already a member of an established program**)
- Shall complete both an application and parental consent form
- Shall be issued full protective equipment to include coat, pants, boots, helmet, gloves, and protective hood, commensurate with assigned tasks

**Educational Requirements**

Jr.FF’s:

- Shall have graduated from High School or be enrolled in school and meet the attendance requirements as set forth by federal, state, or local agencies in good standing  
(**Exception: Jr.FF’s enrolled in an approved home or private school program are acceptable**)
- Shall maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least the equivalent of the letter “C” (2.0) in all core curriculum
- Shall not participate in any fire department activities during regular school hours unless an authorized school function

## Training Requirements

Jr.FF's:

- Age 14 and under are only permitted to attend classroom training and observe the skills and/or hands-on portion of the training evolutions
- Age 15-17, when properly equipped with personal protective equipment, are permitted to participate in classroom and/or skills/hands-on training evolutions in the following areas:
  - A. Administration and Organization
  - B. Safety
  - C. Communications
  - D. Fire Behavior – *(Shall not include “live” fire evolutions)*
  - E. Portable Extinguishers – *(Using a burn pan no larger than 36” x 36” only)*
  - F. Personal Protective Equipment
  - G. Forcible Entry – *(May include power/hydraulic tools when under direct instructor supervision)*
  - H. Ventilation – *(May include power saws when under direct instructor supervision and when secured with fall protection)*
  - I. Ropes – *(May include High-Angle Awareness Level evolutions when using NFPA approved standards and equipment)*
  - J. Ladders – *(Shall include the usage of a ladder belt or safety harness for fall prevention)*
  - K. Hose/Nozzles/Appliances – *(Shall not exceed handlines greater than 2”)*
  - L. Foam – *(Shall not exceed handlines greater than 2”)*
  - M. Fire Control - *(Shall not include “live” fire evolutions)*
  - N. Salvage – *(Shall be under direct instructor supervision)*
  - O. Overhaul – *(Shall be under direct instructor supervision)*
  - P. Emergency Medical Care - *(Shall meet all governing agency requirements)*
  - Q. Rescue – *(Shall not include “Ice, Swift Water, or Dive Response Training” conditions. Such training classes as “BUT NOT LIMITED TO” trench rescue, confined space, high-angle awareness level, collapse, and extrication may be permitted when under direct instructor supervision)*
  - R. Water Supply
  - S. Sprinklers
  - T. Hazardous Materials – *(Shall not be subject to any immediate danger to life or health {IDLH} atmosphere; however, simulated “Hot Zone” training may be permitted)*
  - U. Fire Prevention/Public Education
  - V. Building Construction
  - W. Aircraft Crash/Fire-Rescue – *(Shall not include “live” fire evolutions)*
  - X. Emergency Disaster Planning

- Y. Fire Investigation – *(Shall not involve any IDLH atmosphere)*
- Z. Pump Operations
- CC Drivers Training – *(Shall only be by a licensed driver and only on a closed cone course under direct instructor supervision)*
- FC Kentucky Firefighter Survival
- FC Kentucky Firefighter Rescue
- FC Kentucky Wildland Awareness – *(Shall not include “live” fire evolutions)*

**Incident Response Requirements**

Jr.FF’s:

- Age 14 and under shall not at any time participate on the incident scene
- Age 15–17 shall complete a minimum of 23+ hours training in the following areas prior to participating at an incident:
  - Administration 2hrs
  - Safety 2hrs
  - Fire Behavior 2hrs
  - Portable Extinguishers 1hr
  - PPE 3hrs
  - Forcible Entry 1hr
  - Ventilation 1hr
  - Ropes 1hr
  - Ladders 2hrs
  - Hose 2hrs
  - Fire Control 1hr
  - Salvage 1hr
  - Overhaul 1hr
  - Drivers Training 1hr
  - Incident Command 2hr
  - First-Aid/CPR Requirement of Governing Body or Re-Cert.

Jr.FF’s shall:

- Never operate as the Incident Commander of an Incident Scene
- Never operate in the place of trained personnel
- Never respond to an incident in an “emergency mode”
- Never engage in any IDLH activities involving fire/smoke conditions – *(To include structure, vehicle, dumpster, wildland, liquids, gases, or rubbish fires)*
- Never operate or engage in any Hazardous Materials control activities – *(Exception given for minor fluid leak from MVA)*

- Never operate hydraulic or power tools while on an incident scene
- Never participate in ventilation on an incident scene
- Never climb ladders during incident operations to include aerial and/or ground ladders

Jr.FF's may operate on an incident scene to assist with the following activities:

- Accountability
- Rehab
- Hose relocation, rolling, and/or loading outside an IDLH atmosphere
- Exterior operations using hose lines of 2" or less and not within an IDLH atmosphere
- Equipment retrieval from apparatus

**Note:**

These requirements will be reviewed and re-evaluated by the E and E Committee after approximately 90 days following approval and implementation.