

# **Lowville Fire Department**

## **Junior Member Program**

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**Parent/Guardian Consent Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ do give permission for my child to participate in firefighting activities of the Lowville Fire Department. My child has received and agrees to follow the “Rules and Regulations for Junior Firefighters”, “Operating Guidelines for Junior Firefighters”, and the Department Bylaws. I also understand that membership of my child may be terminated at any time at the discretion of myself, the Chief, or the Junior Firefighter Committee. I give permission for the Chief or the Junior Firefighter Committee to review my child’s school report card.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a student of \_\_\_\_\_ do wish to apply for Junior Firefighter membership to Lowville Fire Department. I have received and agree to follow the “Rules and Regulations for Junior Firefighters”, “Operating Guidelines for Junior Firefighters”, and the Department Bylaws. I also understand that my performance at and away from the department will directly reflect on my membership with the department. I am aware that the Chief and the Junior Firefighter Committee has the right to review my school report card.

Parent/Guardian Print/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Print/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Print/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Application Approved/Denied Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rules and Regulations for Junior Firefighters**

1. A passing grade in each class will be maintained
2. Any suspension from school will result in suspension from the Department
3. No one is allowed to leave school for any call or training
4. At the parent's /guardian's request, a Junior Firefighter may be terminated or suspended
5. No one is allowed to attend calls past 2100 on any school night
6. No one is allowed in any environment that requires an SCBA
7. Junior Firefighters are to respond to the station. They cannot respond directly to the scene.
8. No Junior Firefighter is allowed to be at the station without 1 active member at the station and will only be allowed in the truck bay.
9. No Junior Firefighter is allowed to display a blue light.
10. Junior Firefighters will not be allowed to direct traffic.
11. No Junior Firefighter will be issued a key or entry device.
12. Junior Firefighters will only be allowed to ride in Rescue 1 or the Pickup, but must give up their seat to an active member if required.
13. Junior members do not have voting privileges within the regular fire department. They may attend meetings, but might be asked to leave the room while some issues are discussed.
14. All junior Firefighters must complete the department Junior Orientation Program (JOP). This program includes departmental procedures, building policies, apparatus orientation and command structure. The Junior Orientation Program will consist of a review of the fire departments SOG's along with the rules and regulations of the junior program.

15. Only officers may talk to the media. All junior members will refer all questions regarding the fire department to the most senior officer on the scene. Juniors are expected to represent the fire department in a positive manner. It is not appropriate to discuss internal matters of the fire department or talk negatively about other fire departments.
16. Report all injuries to a fire department officer, safety officer or his/her designee. All injuries must be reported prior to the Junior Firefighter leaving an emergency response, training session, department meeting or work detail.
17. Firefighters may not accept monetary payment or gifts for services rendered as a firefighter. Any citizen offering payment of any kind should be advised that payment for firefighting services is not expected or accepted. Never accept contributions at an emergency scene. Those individuals seeking to make a contribution should be advised to consider a voluntary contribution to the fire department as part of the annual fund drive.
18. All speed limits and traffic laws are to be strictly followed while responding to the station. The Fire Department is in no way responsible or liable for any moving violations while enroute to or from the station for a call or training. Failure to abide by these rules will result in a suspension of at least 30 days and possible expulsion from the junior program.
19. Junior Members may be permitted to march in parades and take part in department fundraisers (i.e pancakes breakfast, chicken BBQs, spaghetti dinner etc.).

## **RESPONDING TO CALLS**

1. Junior firefighters will obtain verbal permission from the officer or senior member in charge of an apparatus prior to boarding an apparatus. The officer or senior member must be willing and able to supervise the junior firefighter at all times.
2. When riding any piece of apparatus, junior firefighters shall position themselves in a seat with a seat belt in place and securely fastened. Under no circumstances will a junior stand up on an apparatus while the apparatus is moving.
3. Junior firefighters shall remain in the apparatus until given instructions by an Officer or Scene Commander.
4. All instructions of the officer must be followed exactly. If you are not sure what you are doing or have been assigned something you are not permitted to do, say so right away so your task can be clarified or someone else can be given the assignment.
5. At motor vehicle accidents a Junior member may assist in vehicle rescue if felt competent by a senior officer, but may not use or handle hydraulic tools, aka "Jaws".

## **Lowville Academy Student Fire Fighter Response Protocol**

**Purpose:** Student volunteers who wish to leave school grounds to aide in fire calls must agree to the following stipulations. While the District is supportive of volunteerism and the call to fulfill one's civic duty, it is critical that students understand their responsibilities to this school and to themselves as learners

### **Student Requirements**

- 1) Students must be passing all classes  
Students understand that their education comes first and foremost
- 2) Students must have good attendance. Students who have good attendance are those who are not considered chronically absent (10% or more absenteeism).
- 3) Students must make proper notifications that they are leaving the building for a fire call (Teacher of class & High School Office)
- 4) Student pagers will remain on vibrate mode and selective call (Meaning their department only) at all times during school hours
  - A. Pager volume will be kept at a minimum to not cause disturbance within classes while teaching is going on
- 5) Students will not leave if they are in the process of any type of evaluation, test, or time sensitive project within their classes.
- 6) Students are expected to make up any course work that may have been missed in a timely manner to be worked out with each teacher specifically
- 7) Students are only allowed to leave for the following types of emergency calls:
  - A. Structure Fires (Confirmed working fire upon dispatch)
  - B. Brush Fires (Confirmed working fire upon dispatch)
  - C. Motor Vehicle Accident with Injury or entrapment (ambulance will also be dispatched)
  - D. Any incident where the incident commander has asked for a re-tone for manpower to respond to the scene
- 8) Students are not allowed to leave for the following types of emergency calls:
  - A. EMS Assistance, Helicopter Landing zones, Lift Assists
  - B. Motor Vehicle Accidents (With no injury or entrapment)
  - C. Active Alarms
  - D. Carbon Monoxide Alarms
  - E. Hazardous Material incidents (including leaks, spills, etc.)
  - F. Pumping Details
  - G. Severe Weather Incidents (Wires, trees, Etc.)
- 9) Students are expected to return to the school in a timely manner if call concludes before the final bell of the day.

**District Requirements**

- 1) School officials will address any concerns complying with this policy with the student and parents
- 2) School officials will reach out to the department Fire Chief for any questions concerning specific details with fire calls
- 3) School officials retain the right to revoke these privileges if the student does not maintain a passing grade in all classes, student’s attendance record is not good, or students’ behavior or conduct does not meet with current school standards

**Parent Requirements**

- 1) Parents are signing that they acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions of this policy
- 2) Parents are waiving the school of any liability once the student has left the school premises
- 3) Parents have the right to contact the school and revoke these privileges at any time
- 4) Parent must sign off on this policy even if the student is 18 years or older.

**Fire Department Requirements:**

- 1)The Fire Chief will be available by phone or email to answer any questions the school or parent may have concerning any details to any fire call these students respond to
- 2) The Fire Chief will assist in enforcing this policy by way of prohibiting students to respond if they are not meeting the requirements detailed within this policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(High School Principal Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School Superintendent Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Fire Chief Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_