

GEORGETOWN COUNTY FIRE-EMS

SOG 150.00

Rules and Regulations

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Procedure: “Junior Firefighter Status”

Scope: The regulations outlined are established to provide rules, guidelines, and procedures for the volunteers who are in the Junior Firefighter ranks.

Purpose: By establishing rules and regulations, this procedure will inform the Junior Firefighter and their guardian what the Junior Firefighters responsibilities, job requirements, and liabilities are while at functions with Georgetown County Emergency Services.

Procedure: The following will identify the specific tasks and responsibilities that Junior Firefighters shall undertake when representing Georgetown County Emergency Services.

1. All applicable rules, regulations and Standard Operating Procedures set forth by Georgetown County Emergency Services shall apply to all Junior Firefighters (JFF).
2. JFF’s age restriction will be ages 14 – 18. One month prior to their 18th birthday, a transfer request¹ to the firefighter level will be accomplished.
3. Have no physical impairments, which may hamper in the performance of their duties.
4. Must have a permission slip signed from their legal guardian or parent allowing them to participate in firefighting or EMS activities.²
5. Each Junior Firefighter must maintain a school grade level of A, B, or C average to maintain active on the department. If a D or an F is received, they will be placed on probation. While on probation they may attend regular Station meetings and drills, but they may not respond to calls or any special functions until the next report card.
6. Junior Firefighters will be required to turn in a copy of their report cards within two days after receiving them. This copy may be given to Headquarters, a paid employee, their Station Captain, or a representative of the Junior Firefighter Adult Leaders.

¹ GCES JFF to FF Transfer Form dated 06/29/04

² GCES JFF Permission Slip dated 10/30/02

7. A Junior Firefighter may not be late or miss school due to responding to a call.
8. No pagers are permitted in the school for any reason.
9. Suspensions from school shall result in suspension from the department for the time of the absence and review of their reason for suspension. Failure to report the suspension could result in termination from the Junior Firefighter program. Headquarters, a paid employee, their Station Captain or a representative of the Junior Firefighter Adult Leaders shall be informed.
10. Georgetown County Emergency Service's disciplinary action guidelines will also be enforced if a suspension from school occurs.
11. Appropriate dress will be required at all meetings, training and while at any Georgetown County Emergency Services station or when attending or representing a department program at any off site function.
12. Junior Firefighters will not be allowed to smoke at any station meetings, drills, functions, or on any incident of Georgetown County Emergency Services.
13. Members will be expected to attend scheduled meetings and training. A total of three consecutive unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the Junior Firefighter ranks.
14. If unable to attend it will be the Junior Firefighters' responsibility to make up the meeting or training missed.
15. There will be no violations of the traffic laws established to an emergent call. If the Junior Firefighter is responding in their own vehicle, they are to obey all traffic laws and proceed to the incident in a non-emergent fashion.
16. The Junior Firefighter may have lights and siren on their personal vehicles but only to be used at the incident when needed for protection of the scene or for vehicles parked on the scene.
17. All Junior Firefighter vehicles at the scene are to park on the same side of the road that the Engine or other County vehicles are parked. Care should be given when parking not to block or impede the general public from access to driveways, roads, personnel property or emergency vehicles.
18. No Junior Firefighter will be allowed to drive any engine on the department or any vehicle from any mutual aid agencies present.
19. Wears the appropriate gear at all incidents when required by the incident commander.
20. May be assigned several positions depending on their training level such as:
 - a. Changing SCBA bottles
 - b. Assisting with rehab
 - c. Road Guards
 - d. Salvage and overhaul operations
 - e. Limited fire suppression operations
 - f. Setting up equipment such as generators, lights, water supply lines, etc.

- g. Any assigned task given by the Incident Commander that the JFF is qualified to do.
21. Under no circumstances should a Junior Firefighter perform any task that they have not received training to perform. If you have not been trained to do a certain skill, you could endanger yourself as well as other firefighters.
 22. Junior Firefighters are to inform whoever assigns them a task on a scene if they have been trained to complete the task assigned.
 23. Station Officers will be provided, in writing, a statement signed by the Chief or the Training Coordinator when basic training requirements have been satisfied.
 24. Before responding to calls, each Junior Firefighter must spend six documented hours with any paid employee, their Station Captain, or a representative of the Junior Firefighter Adult Leaders to learn basic safety related concerns around the apparatus and stations.
 25. Junior Firefighters may respond to calls as late as 2200 hours on a school night. Junior firefighters may not remain at the station past 2200 hours for non-emergent events. Junior Firefighters may ride the apparatus only when approved by the Chief and when all training requirements have been satisfied.
 26. The parent or legal guardian shall approve by way of a permission slip to allow the Junior Firefighter to respond to an incident that occurs after 2200 hours.
 27. No Junior Firefighter will be allowed to respond to the station to respond to a call on the apparatus. If the JFF is on the apparatus when a call occurs, the JFF may respond on that apparatus to the incident. This will be the only circumstance that this will be allowed.
 28. When the Junior Firefighter arrives at the scene, they will check in with the Accountability Officer or the Incident Commander then report to the Engineer of the attack engine for assignment.



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Junior Firefighter Parent Release

Junior Firefighter:

I _____ have read and understand the Georgetown County Emergency Services Standard Operating Guideline, Rules and Regulations section, SOG 150.00. I agree to adhere to these rules at all times in order to be a member of the Department. Violation of these rules will result in actions described within SOG 150.00.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian:

I _____ have read and understand the Rules and guidelines established for The Georgetown County Emergency Services Junior Firefighter program. I understand that my child, _____ will be subject to probation, disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the program if there is a violation of SOG 150.00.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

South Carolina Firefighter Registration Act
Request for Criminal Record Review

Name: _____ (Full Given Name)

Address: _____

City State Zip
Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Driver's License: State _____ Number _____

Race: _____ Sex: Male Female

I, _____ do hereby grant approval for the

Georgetown County Fire / EMS inquire and receive any and
(Name of Fire Department or Employee)

all criminal in-formation pertaining to me.

(Applicant **Signature**)

Date

(Authorized Signature)

Date

Mail Request To:
S.L.E.D. Records
P0 Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-1398
Phone: 1-803-737-9000

S.L.E.D. Should
Return Information To:
Georgetown Count Fire / EMS
3605 Highmarker Street
Georgetown SC 29440

Reports should be returned
To the Fire Department --- Not
To the Fie Marshal's Office.

*Note to Fire Department:
Please include a self-addressed
envelope for return of report
From S.L.E.D.