



PEACE RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM POSITION DESCRIPTION/GUIDELINES

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

POSITION TITLE:	Junior Firefighter
CLASSIFICATION TITLE:	Student Trainee
DEPARTMENT:	Protective Services
IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:	Designated Hall Captain

VISION STATEMENT

This program is designed for students aged 16 to 17 years, who are interested in Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services as a possible career.

The Junior Firefighting Program, like the fire service, is a paramilitary organization. Members are required to adhere to all the standards of dress, personal hygiene and conduct set forth by the Peace River Fire Department. Students will receive instruction on personal protective equipment, basic firefighting and rescue skills, maintenance and upkeep of firefighting equipment and apparatus along with CPR, emergency first aid, fire prevention and public education.

The Junior Firefighter will participate in practices with Fire Department members on Tuesday night Training sessions as well as other Training Sessions.

QUALIFICATIONS

Personal/Professional

- ◆ Resident of the Town of Peace River
- ◆ Possess a genuine interest in Firefighting/EMS
- ◆ Must be 16 to 17 years of age
- ◆ Must attend at least 50% of regular scheduled training sessions
- ◆ Display a willingness to work and a desire to serve their community
- ◆ Must have, and maintain, a good academic standing at his/her school
- ◆ An application must be fully completed and submitted along with a resume
- ◆ Must have a Parental or Legal Guardian Consent form signed
- ◆ Completed medical, criminal check and clean driver's abstract



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SKILLS, ABILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ Professionalism
- ◆ Team Member
- ◆ Interpersonal Skills
- ◆ Organizational Responsibility
- ◆ Customer Service
- ◆ Problem Solving

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Junior Firefighters will be under the direct supervision of the Peace River Fire Department or County of Northern Lights Fire Services Officers.
2. Junior Firefighters shall abide by all Occupational Health & Safety Guidelines as well as all Peace River Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures.
3. The general standard of conduct is to act in the manner of a professional. Junior Firefighters represent the fire department both on and off the fire grounds and are expected to be courteous and respectful to fellow firefighters and emergency personnel and all citizens served.
4. Junior Firefighters will abide by the standards outlined in the Code of Conduct Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) GREEN A-020, and all other SOPs related to conduct and behavior.
5. There will be a maximum of six (6) Junior Firefighters accepted into the program yearly.
6. All Junior Firefighters must complete the department Junior Orientation Program. This program includes department procedures, building policies, apparatus orientation and command structure.
7. Junior Firefighters will refer all questions regarding the fire department to the most senior officer on the scene or the Fire Chief. Only the Fire Chief, or his designate, is permitted to make comments to the media. Junior Firefighters are expected to represent the fire department in a positive manner. It is not appropriate to discuss publicly internal matters of the department or talk negatively about other departments.
8. All injuries must be reported to the Senior Officer as soon as practical for documentation and treatment. Any injuries occurring during training are covered by worker compensation insurance.
9. Junior Firefighters will not respond to calls or come to the station if they are sick or are under the influence of medication, drugs or alcohol.
10. Junior Firefighters are not to participate in any fire department activity, including training and emergencies, during school hours or at a time that would affect their performance at school (i.e. after-hours school work or study time, activities past 2200 on school nights (Sunday – Thursday))



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DUTIES & EXPECTATIONS

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Participate in organized training activities in which an adult member (18 yrs.+) of the organization is present and supervising the junior member
 - All aspects of fire suppression training except interior live fire extinguishment
 - Rescue training (Water, Ice, High Angle etc.)
 - Vehicle Extrication training
 - Water supply training
 - Hazardous material training
 - Safety training
- ◆ May participate in actual fire suppression activities under the following conditions:
 - The member must be under the direct supervision and control of a trained experienced officer over twenty-one (21) years of age. Direct supervision means that the officer must be within sight and speaking distance of the junior member
 - Wildland firefighting
 - Structural firefighting under the following conditions:
 - Must have completed Level One NFPA 1001 standard
 - Must be outside the fire building collapse zone
 - Only after the incident is declared under control by Incident Command
 - Provide assistance in the Rehabilitation Sector
 - Participate in a ***support capacity*** for searches, rescues, hazardous materials incidents and water supply operations.

Examples of what Junior members can accomplish:

- ◆ Attacking the fire with hose lines as part of exterior operations
- ◆ Setting ladders
- ◆ Setting up Positive Pressure Ventilation as part of exterior operations
- ◆ Salvage operations
- ◆ Establishing water supply
- ◆ Assisting at vehicle extrication and other types of rescues
- ◆ Assisting with Support and Rehab operations such as; Air Supply, Medical

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Members under the age of eighteen (18) of an emergency service organization are prohibited from participating in the following activities:

- ◆ Operating power tools, hydraulic and pressurized air operated equipment such as air bags and extrication tools and cutting devices such as chain saws or roof saws, unless under direct supervision of a Fire Officer, or designate, during training. A



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- Junior Firefighter may not operate any power tools, hydraulic and pressurized air operated equipment or cutting devices at an emergency scene.
- ◆ Operating the pumps of any fire vehicle at the scene of a fire
 - ◆ Driving a fire truck, ambulance or any other emergency vehicle
 - ◆ Entering a burning structure
 - ◆ Operating high-pressure hose lines (water, air or hydraulic), except during supervised training
 - ◆ Ascending ladders, except during supervised training
 - ◆ Operating any water rescue boat or vessel
 - ◆ Operating any aerial device (cranes or hoists), non-automatic elevators, air bags for lifting or winches
 - ◆ Perform operations in tunnels, shafts or trenches (greater than 4 feet deep)
 - ◆ Participate in operations with incidents involving hazardous materials
 - ◆ Participate in operations involving radioactive substances
 - ◆ Roof top ventilation or any work on top of a roof, except during supervised training
 - ◆ Entry into a hazardous atmosphere (including training)

LEVELS & RANK

- ◆ There will be 1 Level of Junior Firefighter
- ◆ Junior Firefighters will be known as and addressed by: Junior Firefighter "...surname..."
- ◆ In the Command Structure, Junior Firefighters will rank at one level below Probationary Firefighters
- ◆ Junior Firefighters will not supervise any other Firefighters