



# City of Hudson Department of Fire

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## **STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE**

### **MEMBERSHIP AT AGE SEVENTEEN**

The City of Hudson Department of Fire will accept applications for membership from persons seventeen (17) years of age and older. The following conditions will apply to members accepted under the age of eighteen (18).

- A. A full department application will be submitted to the Chief of the Department, Commissioner of Fire, or their designee.
  - a. Applications received from those under the age of 18 will also include the attached 17 Year Old Probationary Firefighter Liability Release and Medical Authorization. This form will be signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.
  - b. Once accepted, the member will be issued all required personal protective equipment (PPE) which will include a helmet shield of a unique color, which clearly identifies them as a 17 year old probationary firefighter.
- B. 17 Year old members may not perform the following functions.
  - a. Not allowed to perform initial interior operations in high risk heavy smoke/ fire conditions or high risk heavy fire/smoke roof ventilation\*\*.
  - b. Not allowed in immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) atmospheres\*\*.
  - c. May not drive department vehicles.

\*\*May perform these duties with a more senior member as long as the 17 year old member has satisfied the New York State requirements for formal training of Interior Firefighters. This training is currently known as the Interior Firefighting Operations course. Although the name of this training may change in the future, it does not relieve the requirement as intended in this section. Explorers are not permitted to attend Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations or Interior Firefighting Operations training after the adoption of this policy.

- C. 17 Year old members may perform the following functions as long as they are properly supervised by a senior member.
  - a. Overhaul duties after initial knockdown with permission of incident commander as long as the structure is safe and the incident is not deemed IDLH.
  - b. Vehicle extrication and related vehicle stabilization and disablement functions.
  - c. Operate exterior hose lines at any fire related incident.
  - d. Attend New York State fire training sessions.

Proper (PPE) will be worn at all times while performing all duties described in this policy.

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