



Kentucky Fire Commission Junior Firefighter Program Guidelines

This form is to be retained in the fire department. Do NOT submit this form to the Kentucky Fire Commission.

General Requirements and Information

- All Kentucky Fire Commission documents associated with the Junior Firefighter (JRFF) Program are required to be completed. If a department has other documents that their governing body recommends, those documents shall be supplemental to the documents provided by the Kentucky Fire Commission. **All documentation should be maintained on file within your department records.**
- It is the understanding of the Kentucky Fire Commission that all JRFF's that follow the approved guidelines as set forth by the Kentucky Fire Commission will be protected under workers' compensation insurance at no cost to the department. Officially participating JRFF's may qualify for workers' compensation benefits upon meeting eligibility requirements. However, the Kentucky Fire Commission makes no representation that this coverage shall continue in the future and shall not be responsible for any claims, damages, or other liability arising from the participation of any individual in the JRFF Program should such coverage be denied.
- JRFF's ages 15-17 may ride in fire apparatus in accordance with each fire departments' Standard Operating Procedures and local, state, and federal traffic laws. All fire departments must have and maintain a fire department-approved ride-along procedure at all times before JRFF's may participate and **shall submit a copy of the SOP to the Kentucky Fire Commission Office with the JRFF Program Notification Form.**
- Child labor laws do not apply to JRFF volunteers. These laws are between an employer and employee.
- Fire departments are responsible for complying with any local, state, or federal law that is relevant to the duty of adults to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect. The Kentucky Fire Commission shall not accept liability based on any failure of an individual member or department to comply with such laws.
- Some insurance companies do not permit anyone under 21 to participate in drivers training as permitted in the guidelines. This should be handled in-house and remains the responsibility of the fire chief.

- It shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring fire department to ensure that all equipment and apparatus which will be utilized is certified and inspected to the applicable laws, regulations, codes, and standards.

JRFF's shall never:

- Serve as the Incident Commander during non-emergency and/or emergency responses;
- Participate in the place of trained personnel during non-emergency or emergency responses;
- Engage in any non-emergency or emergency activities which may expose the JRFF to any situation which may be **Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH)** as defined by the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) involving any fire or smoke conditions, to include structure, vehicle, dumpster, wildland, liquids, gases, or rubbish fires; and/or operating in any Hazardous Materials control activities.
- Operate hydraulic or power tools while on a non-emergency or emergency incident scene;
- Operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or utility task vehicle (UTV) while on a non-emergency and/or emergency incident scene;
- Participate in missing person(s) search/rescue/recovery non-emergency and/or emergency responses;
- Participate in ventilation on a non-emergency and/or emergency incident scene which involves the JRFF encountering an IDLH;
- Climb ladders during non-emergency or emergency incident responses to include aerial and/or ground ladders;
- Be responsible for apparatus operations;
- Be responsible for or participate in traffic control activities;
- **Respond to an incident either non-emergency or emergency to the scene while operating a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV);**
- **Install and/or operate a POV with any type of emergency warning device while responding to a non-emergency or emergency incident and/or have such warning devices installed in their POV**

JRFF's on an incident scene may assist with the following activities:

- Accountability (shall **ONLY** assist assigned accountability officer);
- Rehabilitation Area (Rehab);
- Exterior operations of hose to include operations and relocation of hose 3" or less in size, rolling and loading of hose outside an IDLH atmosphere;
- Retrieval of equipment and/or tools from apparatus

Educational Requirements

JRFF's:

- Shall be a high school graduate or equivalent; or
- Shall be enrolled in public, private, or home school in good standing and who meet the attendance regulations as set forth by federal, state, or local authorities;
- Must maintain a course grade average or the equivalent of the letter "C" in all courses of study; and
- Are prohibited from participating in any fire department activities during regular school hours unless authorized by their educational institution and fire department

Training Requirements

JRFF's:

- May attend other classes not identified below when approved by fire chief and JRFF Program Coordinator, when no IDLH activities are involved;
- JRFF 15-17 years of age, whom are properly equipped with personal protective equipment, are permitted to participate in classroom and skills/hands-on training in the following areas:
 - FF Olympics (when approved by the fire chief and JRFF Program Coordinator)
 - Administration and Organization
 - Safety
 - Communications

- Fire Behavior (see below requirements for “live” fire training)
- Portable Extinguishers (using a burn pan no larger than 36” x 36”)
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Forcible Entry (may include power/hydraulic tools when under direct instructor supervision)
- Ventilation (may include power saws when under direct instructor supervision and when secured with fall protection)
- Ropes and Knots (See Rescue for Technical Rope Rescue)
- Ladders (shall include the use of a ladder belt or safety harness for fall prevention)
- Aerial Ladders (shall not exceed 60 degree climbing angle and 75 feet in height, shall include use of a ladder belt or safety harness for fall prevention)
- Hose/Nozzles/Appliances (shall not exceed hose line greater than 3”)
- Foam (shall not exceed hose line size greater than 3”)
- **Fire Control (see Live Fire chart below)**
- Loss Control (Salvage/Overhaul)
- Emergency Medical Care (shall meet all governing agency requirements)
- **Rescue (see Rescue chart below)**
- Water Supply
- Sprinklers (Fire Protection Systems and Alarms)
- Hazardous Materials (may only be simulated operations; JRFF shall not be subject to “Live” products or an IDLH)
- Fire Prevention/Public Education
- Building Construction
- **Aircraft Crash-Fire-Rescue (see Live Fire chart below)**
- Emergency Disaster Planning
- Pump Operations
- Drivers Training (shall only be by a licensed driver and only on a closed cone course under direct instructor supervision; Driver Simulator is permitted for use by non-licensed JRFF)
- Kentucky Firefighter Survival (may participate in all skills)
- Kentucky Firefighter Rescue (may participate in all skills)
- Kentucky Wildland Awareness (may participate in all skills)

Live Fire Training	
Structural Firefighting	Fireblast or Pro-Safe Burn Trailers; shall stay outside the burn room; shall be under direct supervision of an SFRT Instructor
Vehicle Firefighting	Fireblast vehicle fire prop only, shall be under direct supervision of an SFRT instructor
Aircraft Firefighting	Fireblast helicopter fire prop only, shall be under direct supervision of an SFRT instructor
Flammable Liquids Firefighting	Shall be SFRT exterior FLAG prop only, under direct supervision of an SFRT instructor
Flammable Gases Firefighting	Shall be SFRT exterior FLAG prop only, under direct supervision of an SFRT instructor
Trash Container/ Rubbish Firefighting	Shall be SFRT prop only, under direct supervision of an SFRT instructor
Wildland Firefighting	No Live Fire Training Permitted

Technical Rescue Training	
Low and High Angle Rope Rescue	Shall be by approved and recognized standards and curricula, shall be under direct supervision of instructor, JRFF shall have a full-body harness and secured with a belay, shall be from a height of no more than 75 feet
Trench Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Confined Space Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Collapse Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Vehicle Extrication and Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Farm & Machinery Rescue	Shall be under direct supervision of the instructor
Swift Water Rescue	IS NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIAPTE
Dive Rescue	IS NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE
Ice Rescue	IS NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE

Incident Response Requirements

JRFF members **15-17** years of age shall complete a minimum of 30 hours of training in the following areas prior to participating on an incident scene:

○ A0000	Administration	1 hr.
○ B0000	Safety	1 hr.
○ C0000	Communications	1 hr.
○ D0000	Fire Behavior	3 hrs.
○ E0000	Portable Extinguishers	3 hrs.
○ F0000	PPE	3 hrs.
○ G0000	Forcible Entry	2 hrs.
○ H0000	Ventilation	1 hr.
○ I0000	Ropes	1 hr.
○ J0000	Ladders	1 hr.
○ K0000	Hose/Nozzles/Appliances	2 hrs.
○ M0000	Fire Control	2 hrs.
○ N0000	Loss Control	2 hrs.
○ P0001	CPR/AED	3 hrs.
○ P0021	First-Aid	3 hrs.
○ R0000	Water Supply	1 hr.

Note: These requirements will be reviewed and reevaluated by the Education Committee as needed or upon request.

IMPORTANT LIABILITY INFORMATION: It is important to remember that any deviation from these training specifications could result in departmental or personal liability. The Kentucky Fire Commission does not and shall not approve participation of any JRFF's in any activities that fall outside these guidelines. The Kentucky Fire Commission does not, shall not, and cannot waive any sovereign immunity enjoyed as a result of its status as a state agency for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Junior Firefighter Applicant Signature

Date

Fire Chief

Date