**DCBE / ACTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM**

1. PURPOSE

The DCBE/Acton Volunteer Fire Department is establishing a Junior Firefighter Program in order to promote fire safety and training in the fire service to young men and women of the community and to provide service to the community.

1. OBJECTIVE

To provide training to interested youth of the community. The youth participating in the program will learn fire safety and hands on training in the fire sciences.

1. PROGRAM LEADERS
2. Program Leaders shall be Active members of the DCBE/Acton VFD.
3. Program Leaders shall be appointed by the Chief as is deemed necessary.
4. Program Leaders will work with department Officers to train and lead Junior Firefighter Program Members.
5. MEMBERSHIP
6. Membership will be open to young men and women aged 16-17 years of age.
7. Membership will be limited to individuals living within the DCBE/Acton VFD service area.
8. Membership to the Junior Firefighter Program will be though the department Membership Application form or other similar applications.
9. Applicants shall have no felony arrests or convictions.
10. Applicants shall have no arrests or convictions for any alcohol or drug related violations.
11. Education shall always be a first priority for Members. All Members must be enrolled in school or possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
12. Members shall submit to the department a report card for every grading period of their school. Failing any subject will result in no participation for that Member until the next grading period or the end of the school year.
13. DUTIES
14. Members shall be truthfull in all instances.
15. Members shall obey all rules as outlined for the program.
16. Members shall obey all orders from the Program Leaders, Department officers, Or Members of the DCBE/Acton VFD.
17. Members shall attend all department business meeting and department training meetings in addition to Junior Firefighter training.
18. Members are expected to assist in any fundraising activities for the DCBE/Acton VFD.
19. Members are encouraged to participate in any community Fire Prevention program.
20. Members shall complete a full Qual Card.
21. VEHICLE OPERATIONS
22. Members shall not operate any fire department apparatus.
23. Members may ride on an apparatus in a seated position while wearing a seat belt.
24. Members are not authorized to operate any emergency equipment such as lights, sirens, and radios.
25. Members are not authorized to place personal emergency equipment on their personal vehicle.
26. Members shall not respond in excess of any traffic law or ordinance.
27. Members shall not respond directly to any emergency scene in their personal vehicle.
28. Members may not respond to any Haz-Mat scene.
29. EQUIPMENT OPERATION
30. Members shall have the appropriate protective gear before participating in any training evolution or incident scene.
31. Members shall not climb any aerial ladders except during training under the direct supervision of a Program Leader or Officer. Even then, the angle of aerial shall not exceed 60 degrees and the height shall not exceed 35 feet.
32. Members shall not climb any ladders over 35 feet in length.
33. Members shall not operate power saws or hydraulic tools.
34. Members shall not operate acetylene cutting torches.
35. Members shall not operate life nets.
36. Members may only utilize SCBA during training.
37. OPERATIONS
38. Members may operate at the scene of an emergency incident under the direct supervision of a Program Leader or Officer.
39. While operating at an emergency incident, members shall not enter a “HOT” zone.
40. Members shall not have any physical patient contact.
41. Members may only enter an incident scene after the scene has been declared safe by the Incident Commander and then only when escorted by a Program Leader or Officer.
42. Members shall not perform ventilation activities.
43. Members may only perform salvage activities after the scene has been declared safe by the Incident Commander.
44. Members may assist in the clean-up of an incident scene after it has been declared safe by the Incident Commander.