

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD**

**ORDINANCE # 707**

**AUTHORIZING ADDING SECTION 1-113 TO THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield Rules and Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines for the Upper Deerfield Township Fire Department through the adoption of Ordinance 666 and 704; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is also desirous of modifying the Standard Operating Procedures of the Upper Deerfield Township Fire Department by adding section 1-113 to the Administration Section, which will read as follows:

Standard Operating Procedure 1-113

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 This standard operating procedure is to ensure that all junior firefighter members utilize the following procedure.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

2.1 This policy shall apply to all junior firefighters of the Upper Deerfield Township Fire Departments.

3.0 PROCEDURE

3.1 Defined as the applicant to between the ages of 16 to 18.

3.2 Shall go through the same application process as a regular member but is required to have his or her parent or guardian present through the membership process.

- a. During the membership process the rules, guide lines and training requirements of this program are to be discussed with the parent or guardian and signed consent must be given for the applicant to proceed.
- b. The applicant is required to submit a medical evaluation from his or her physician stating the applicants are physically fit to perform the requirements of fire training.
- c. The junior firefighter program will follow all the New Jersey Child Labor Laws, New Jersey Division of Fire Laws and New Jersey PEOSHA Laws.

3.3 Required training for a junior firefighter.

- a. General safety of the fire department and fire apparatus.
- b. Blood Borne Pathogens, Hazmat Awareness, Right to Know, and Hazard Communication training.
- c. General knowledge and safety on fire apparatus pumps and hoses.
- d. General knowledge and safety on fire apparatus tools and equipment.
- e. General knowledge and safety of the fire scene.
- f. Highway traffic knowledge and safety.
- g. After all required training is met junior firefighter may ride on fire apparatus.

3.4 A Junior firefighter can train or operate the following tools with close supervision of a department officer:

- a. Air and manual operated tools.
- b. Hand tools.
- c. SCBA in non-live fire situation.
- d. Ladders and charged hose lines.
- e. Flares and manual traffic control devices.

- 3.5 Junior firefighter's duties per state and local protocols on fire and Motor Vehicle Collision (MVC) scenes under close supervision:
- a. The fire scene is set up as two sections - the cold zone and the hot zone. A junior firefighter is only permitted in the cold zone.
  - b. A junior firefighter is permitted to stretch hose and bring hand tools into the staging area in cold zone.
  - c. Help fellow firefighters donning fire gear in the rehab area.
  - d. Traffic control and apparatus staging.
  - e. Operate hand, air or manual tools.
  - f. Assisted EMS on removal of patients.
  - g. Clear road of hazards.
- 3.6 Duties Junior fire fighters are NOT permitted to participate in per state and local protocols:
- a. Live fire operations
  - b. Clean up or operation of a hazard spill or releases.
  - c. Hydraulic powered tools.
  - d. Electric or gas powered tools.
  - e. Any life hazard conditions.
  - f. Drive or operate any emergency vehicle.
  - g. Join any operation deemed in the hot zone of an incident.
  - h. The only time a junior firefighter is permitted in the hot zone of an incident is after the incident commander as deemed the incident under control and safe for training purposes only.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield that the Standard Operating Procedures of the Upper Deerfield Township Fire Department are modified by adding section 1-113 to the Administration Section; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield that in all other respects the provisions of the Rules and Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines for the Upper Deerfield Township Fire Department shall remain as heretofore and unaltered by the provisions hereof;

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James Crilley, Chairman

Finally July 18, 2013

Attested:

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk

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