

BROOKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Junior Firefighter Program

Junior Firefighter Standard Operating Guidelines:

1. Junior Firefighters shall be at least 15 years of age.
2. Junior Firefighters shall have their parent or guardian complete this signed Junior Firefighter Permission Form each year in order to participate in the fire department. The Junior Firefighter's activities will be limited to those specifically approved by that Junior Firefighter's parent or guardian on the Permission Form.
3. Junior Firefighters shall maintain passing school grades in all subjects in order to participate.
4. School functions shall have priority over fire department functions.
5. Junior Firefighters shall not be permitted to leave school for any fire incident.
6. Junior Firefighters shall adhere to all fire department SOG's.
7. Junior Firefighters shall report to an officer before engaging in any activity at an incident.
8. Junior Firefighters shall adhere to rules set by the Maine Department of Labor.
9. Junior Firefighters shall not drive any fire department apparatus
10. Junior Firefighters must be with a properly certified adult firefighter at all times during both training and emergency incidents
11. In no event will any Junior Firefighter ride in any vehicle operated by another Junior Firefighter.
12. A permission slip must be completed by the Junior Firefighter's parent or guardian for each training session that involves live fire, whether inside or beyond the boundaries of the Town of Brooklin.

I, _____ (parent or guardian, hereinafter referred to as *I*) give permission for _____ (firefighter who is under the age of 18, hereinafter referred to as *this junior firefighter*) to perform those tasks indicated by my initials below, provided that the Brooklin Fire Chief and Safety Officer confirm that *this junior firefighter* is capable of safely performing those tasks during training and actual fire department calls:

Initials Task

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| _____ | 1. Assist in traffic control at a fire scene or any other fire department operation. |
| _____ | 2. Assist the engineer with the tanker or pumper truck away from the fire. This includes the following activities at training and real fires: roll hose, hook up trucks, dump trucks, assist in pumping trucks and similar activities. |
| _____ | 3. Assist with fire attack teams outside the structure on the fire ground during training as well as real fire, provided that the Incident Commander and Safety Officer give their approval. This includes the following activities at training and real fires: changing air packs, helping set up hose lines, set up ladders, hold ladders, run fans, generators, lights and other exterior tasks that do not involve contact with real fire nor the involved structure. |
| _____ | 4. Assist in extinguishing grass fires, provided that the Incident Commander and Safety Officer give their approval. |
| _____ | 5. Work within the safety zone of medical calls as determined by the incident commander. |
| _____ | 6. Assist in clean ups during or after storms, including moving trees, pumping basements and flood control. <i>This junior firefighter's</i> responsibilities will be limited to assisting with traffic |

control for incidents involving downed utilities, motor vehicle fires and/or motor vehicle accidents.

- _____ 7. Assist the dispatcher in communications at the fire house.
- _____ 8. **I DO NOT** grant permission for **this junior firefighter** to engage in any of the following tasks:

Note that junior firefighters are never permitted to assist in nor be anywhere in the proximity of a hazardous materials incident.

The following tasks 9 - 11 apply only to training. Junior firefighters are never permitted to engage in any of these tasks during an emergency until they have reached the age of 18 and the officers have determined that they have successfully completed the proper training.

All junior firefighters are accompanied by an properly certified active member in the field at all times and are only permitted to complete the tasks approved on this form and only at those times when the incident commander, training officer and safety officer determine that it is safe for them to do so.

- _____ 9. Practice fire and rescue without fire present, including the use of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), provided that they have successfully completed the medical evaluation and fit tests. This includes training exercises involving fire rescue, fire attack, ladders and other exercises where no live fire is present.
- _____ 10. Learn fire behavior during training burns inside buildings with live fire as long as **this junior firefighter's** activity is limited to observation from a position adjacent to a safe exit from the building and only while using an SCBA in the presence of an officer, subject to approval from the Incident Commander and Safety Officer. A permission slip must be completed by the Junior Firefighter's parent or guardian for each training session that involves live fire, whether inside or beyond the boundaries of the Town of Brooklin
- _____ 11. Practice the operation of hoses, nozzles and hose streams from the exterior of a building during training.
Ride as a passenger in a fire apparatus and/or in an Active Member's personal vehicle. **In**
- _____ 12. **no event will any Junior Firefighter ride in any vehicle operated by another Junior Firefighter.**
- _____ 13. **I DO NOT** grant permission for **this junior firefighter** to engage in any of the following training activities or tasks:

Very little, if any, of the junior firefighter's training will involve live fires and **this junior firefighter's** activities will be limited to those that you have granted permission for on this form. If you have any questions about the junior firefighter program, this permission form or any other aspects of the Brooklin Fire Department, please contact one of the officers listed below:

Name	Title	Home	Mobile	Work
Sam Friend	Chief	359-8060	669-2469	
Rob Shillady	Assistant Chief & Safety Officer	359-2123		
Mike Schneider	Captain & Training Officer	359-5097	266-0552	667-4233
Tom Morris	Lieutenant, Training Officer & SCBA Officer	359-5069	272-3360	359-5590

Permission is hereby granted for ***this junior firefighter*** to participate in the Brooklin Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program activities as initialed in items 1 through 7 and 9 through 11 above, subject to the exceptions that ***I*** have indicated in the sections numbered 8 and 11.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Sam Friend, Chief

Rob Shillady, Assistant Chief

Date

Mike Schneider, Captain or Tom Morris, Lieutenant