

Minooka Fire Protection District

Cadet Program

PURPOSE:

This program will provide the Operational Guidelines and the skills needed for any participant to prepare themselves to become a firefighter in a volunteer or career fire organization. This program will be open to any applicant fifteen (15) years of age to 18 years of age

REQUIREMENTS:

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be between 16 years of age and 18 years of age
2. Be in Good Health and provide copy of physical for review by our physician
3. Must complete the membership application, Emergency information sheet and Release and Indemnification Forms.
4. Must provide a character references from two teachers
5. Must be physically able to perform the duties of a Fire Cadet
6. Must be able to follow strict orders
7. Must provide proof the Fire Cadet maintains a "C" average or better while attending school on a quarterly basis
8. Must provide own transportation
9. Must be of good character
10. Participate in department trainings and meetings
10. Must be a resident within the Minooka Fire Protection District or child or legal ward of an active Minooka Fire Protection District member.

ALLOWABLE DUTIES OF THE FIRE CADET:

Each Fire Cadet will be allowed to do the following Fire District functions:

1. All Fire Cadets will be eligible to attend all regular meetings, in-house training sessions and any Fire Department activity not prohibited elsewhere.
2. All Fire Cadets will be required to attend cadet training classes and membership meetings
3. Fire Cadets **sixteen (16) years old and older** will be allowed to respond to emergency incident scenes, except those listed in the "Non-Allowable Duties" section of these guidelines, under the following conditions:
 - a. When permitted to respond to the emergency incident scene, the Fire Cadet responsibility will be of a support nature only.

b. The Fire Cadet is prohibited from responding directly to any incident scene. All Fire Cadets shall report **non-emergency** to Minooka Fire Protection District station 1. Upon request of the Incident Commander, Chief Officer or cadet supervisor and directly under adult supervision, shall the Fire Cadet respond to any incident scene.

c. The Fire Cadet's response may be in a district vehicle or apparatus, provided the department vehicle or apparatus is **not** considered to be the first initial attack vehicle or apparatus arriving on the incident scene or the Fire Cadet is responding with a parent or legal guardian, who is an active member of the district.

d. The Fire Cadet will be required to assist the firefighters with regular maintenance of station facilities, equipment and apparatus.

e. Fire Cadets may be utilized as support personnel on scene as long as they operate outside a minimum safety zone during incidents.

f. Will complete reading and homework assignments for training activities.

4. Fire Cadets holding a valid drivers license must maintain a clean driving record. Motor vehicle records will be reviewed by the Fire Chief on a periodic basis.

5. All Fire Cadets must abide by all Minooka Fire Protection District standard operating procedures and/or guidelines (SOP/SOG)

Non-Allowable duties:

The following Duties shall be prohibited to all Fire Cadets:

1. No Fire Cadet shall be allowed to respond directly to any incident scene

2. No Fire Cadet shall be allowed to be actively or directly involved in any of the following incidents:

a. Participate on any entry team while at the scene of a working structure fire or while conducting a live fire burn training exercise

b. Participate on any attack team at a vehicle fire

c. Participate in any offensive fire attack at natural ground cover fires

d. Participate at any hazardous material or pollution spill incident

e. Participate at any emergency rescue or emergency medical incident

f. Participate in any Ice Rescue activities

g. No Fire Cadet will be allowed to operate any emergency vehicle owned or used by the fire district on any public thoroughfare.

h. No Fire Cadet shall be authorized to have or install any emergency light(s) or siren(s) on their personal vehicle

COURSE TRAINING SUBJECTS:

As a guideline, the following course outline may be the first step of the training levels as established by this department and as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association.

1. Orientation
2. Fire Behavior
3. Communications
4. Ropes and Knots
5. Rescue Operations
6. First Aide
7. Forcible Entry
8. Ventilation
9. Fire Inspections
10. Automatic Sprinklers
11. Salvage and Overhaul
12. Breathing Apparatus
13. Fire Hose
14. Fire Streams
15. Fire Ground Ladders
16. Natural Ground Cover Fires
17. Hazardous Materials
18. Vehicle Rescue

DISCIPLINARY CLAUSE:

All Fire Cadets shall be required to operate under the accepted operating guidelines of the Minooka Fire Protection District. Failure to accept or adhere to any guideline as established shall be just cause for disciplinary action in the form of suspension or termination as a member of this Fire Cadet Program. Termination may be made at anytime for any reason.

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Cadet Program Participant Application

The Emergency Information Sheet, copy of Drivers License and Release and Indemnification form must accompany this application.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Carrier _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Drivers License Number _____

High School _____ Counselor _____

What are your expectations for this program? _____

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Cadet Program Emergency Information Sheet

Please clearly print all information

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

In case of emergency, whom shall we contact?

Name	Relationship	Phone
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1.	_____	_____
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2.	_____	_____
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3.	_____	_____
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Medical Conditions

Cardiac/Heart _____

Asthma/Respiratory _____

Stroke _____

Diabetes _____

Vision/Hearing _____

Other _____

Do you have any allergies? _____ What? _____

Note: Certain activities throughout the Cadet Program may involve a moderate degree of physical exertion. It is recommended that participants with any of the above mentioned conditions check with their physician prior to participating in the program. Participation in any portion of the program is purely voluntary and shall not be considered a requisite for acceptance.

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Cadet Program Release and Indemnification

For and in consideration of my participation in the Minooka Fire Protection District (herein after "District"), (an Illinois municipal corporation), Cadet Program, I hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold the district, its officers, agents, employees and all personnel free, harmless and indemnified from any and all liability whatsoever for any injuries, damages and claims that I or Heirs, successors, assigns, or agents may sustain arising out of my participation in the Cadet Program conducted by the District.

Applicant Signature _____

Print Name _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Print Name _____

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary of Public Signature _____

Printed Name _____