

- 46 12. Junior members and their immediate family may use the station by request and approval
47 of your junior advisor. DO NOT bring your friends to hang around the fire station. An
48 occasional, a small group is permitted with the approval of your junior advisor.
49 13. Any injuries occurring during training or a scene call are covered by Worker's
50 Compensation Insurance. All injuries must be reported to the senior officer as soon as
51 practical for documentation and treatment.
52 14. Junior members shall never possess nor use Tobacco products or Alcoholic beverages.
53 15. Do not respond to calls or come to the station if you are sick or under the influence of
54 medication.
55 16. Upon completion of the Junior Orientation Program and a 30 day waiting period from
56 acceptance to the fire department Junior Firefighters may be permitted to respond to calls
57 on apparatus.
58 17. Junior members should not be present at the Firehouse during school days after 10PM.

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60 **DRIVING OF PERSONAL VEHICLES**

- 61 1. Only members that have a valid New York driver's license may drive personal vehicles to
62 the fire station.
63 2. All juniors must report to the station for all calls. If all apparatus have responded prior to
64 your arrival, you must stand-by at the station until either a senior member of The Town of
65 Watertown Fire Department drives them to the scene or wait until the department returns
66 from the call to assist in clean-up. Juniors are NOT permitted to respond with any backup
67 departments.
68 3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE JUNIORS TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE SCENE!
69 The public might pressure you as a firefighter into entering a burning building or perform
70 other tasks you are not authorized to undertake.
71 4. At no time is a junior member permitted to use colored light, hazard lights, honk horn or
72 use any other warning devices while enroute to the station.
73 5. All speed limits and traffic laws are to be strictly followed while responding to the station.
74 6. The Town of Watertown Fire Department is in no way responsible or liable for any moving
75 violations while enroute to or from the station for a call or training.
76 7. Failure to abide by these rules will result in a suspension of at least 30 days and possible
77 expulsion from the junior program.

78 **RESPONDING TO CALLS ON APPARATUS**

- 79 1. Junior firefighters shall don full protective bunker gear before boarding fire apparatus that
80 is responding to a call. Juniors shall wear full protective turnout gear to all calls unless
81 otherwise instructed by the senior officer.
82 2. Junior firefighters will obtain verbal permission from the officer or senior member in
83 charge of an apparatus prior to boarding an apparatus. The officer or senior member must
84 be willing and able to supervise the junior firefighter at all times.
85 3. Junior members must place their accountability tag on the ring of the apparatus you are
86 boarding.
87 4. Junior firefighters, in reverse seniority, shall give up their seat to any senior firefighter
88 upon request. No questions or arguing. Reclaim your accountability tag and get off the
89 apparatus and wait for the next unit going to the scene.

- 90 5. When riding any piece of apparatus, junior firefighters shall position themselves in a seat
91 with a seat belt in place and securely fastened. Under no circumstances will a junior stand
92 up on an apparatus while the apparatus is moving.
93 6. Junior firefighters shall remain in the apparatus until given instructions by the officer. If
94 no instructions are given, tell the apparatus operator you are reporting to command. Check
95 in with the Incident Commander and wait for instructions.
96 7. All instructions of the officer must be followed exactly. If you are not sure what you are
97 doing or have been assigned something you are not permitted to do, say so right away so
98 your task can be clarified or someone else can be given the assignment.
99 9. Under NO circumstances is a Junior Firefighter permitted to drive apparatus.
100 10. Upon returning to the station, Junior Firefighters will assist in clean up, properly store their
101 gear for the next call and sign the run sheet.

102 **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS**

103 At motor vehicle accidents a Junior member may assist in vehicle rescue if felt competent by
104 a senior officer but must be cognizant of the prohibited activities below.
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106 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

107 Junior Firefighters may respond to EMS calls as upon receiving CPR/AED Qualifications.
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109 **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES BY LAW and/or TWFD**

110 The TWFD and/or the law specifically prohibit members under the age of 17 of an
111 emergency service organization from participating in the following activities:

- 112 1. Operating organizational vehicles.
113 2. Operating various types of power driven saws, shears, and tools except in properly
114 supervised training.
115 3. Using rubber electric gloves, insulated wire cutters, life nets or acetylene cutting torches.
116 4. Operations of pumps of any fire department vehicle at the scene.
117 5. Entering a burning structure.
118 6. Operating high-pressure hose lines (air or hydraulic) except in properly supervised training.
119 7. Ascending ladders, except in properly supervised training.
120 8. Operate any aerial device (cranes or hoists), non-automatic elevators, and airbags for
121 lifting or winches.
122 9. Perform operations in tunnels, shafts or trenches.
123 10. Participate in emergencies at explosives or fireworks plants, retailers or in support of
124 public safety for a public display.
125 11. An emergency operation in or around mines, strip-mines or quarries.
126 12. Participate in operations with incidents involving paint, acid or poisons (any HAZMAT).
127 13. Participate in operations involving radioactive substances.
128 14. Roof top ventilation or any work on top of a roof except in properly supervised training
129 and using proper fall protection equipment.
130 15. Wrecking or demolition including use of acetylene torches, cutting or crushing equipment.
131 16. Entry into a hazardous atmosphere (including training).
132 17. Be present on a highway or busy roadway during an actual emergency

133 **PERMITTED ACTIVITIES**

- 134 1. Participate in organized fire, rescue, and EMS training activities in which a competent
135 adult member of the organization is present and supervising the junior member.
136 2. All aspects of fire suppression training.
137 3. Rescue/Vehicle extrication training.
138 4. Hazardous material training except using Level A and B personal protective equipment.
139 5. Safety training.
140 6. Wildland firefighting and Wilderness Search and Rescue Training.
141 7. Provide canteen services.
142 8. Participate in support capacity for searches, rescues, wild fires, HAZMAT incidents and
143 water supply operations while under direct supervision of a senior member.
144 9. Must be under the direct supervision and control of the fire chief or a trained experienced
145 officer over 21 years of age. Direct supervision means that the officer must be within
146 speaking and touching distance of the junior member.
147 10. Attacking the fire with hose lines as part of EXTERIOR operations, if BEFO certified.
148 11. Setting ladders if BEFO certified.
149 12. Setting up Positive Pressure Ventilation as part of EXTERIOR operations if BEFO
150 certified.
151 13. Clean up with the following conditions:
152 a. Must be outside the fire building collapse zone.
153 b. Only after the incident is declared under control by Command and there's no active fire
154 or hazardous condition.
155 14. Salvage operations exterior of the fire.
156 15. Participating in establishing water supply is under the direct supervision of a senior
157 competent firefighter.
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159 **OFFICERS**

160 The Town of Watertown Fire Chief will designate one officer/department head to the
161 position of Junior Chairman to supervise the Junior Firefighter Program. The Chairman will
162 designate Junior Advisors as needed to carry out the responsibilities of the program.
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