

Augusta County Emergency Services Officers Association

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Fire-EMS Standard Operating Guideline

Section:	4 – Fire Operational Information
Title:	Junior Fire Fighter Program
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JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM

The Augusta County Board of Supervisors passed a Junior Fire Fighter Ordinance (16 to 18 year olds) on August 24, 1994, in accordance to the Virginia Code 40.1 – 79.1 and Rule 17 of the Department of Labor and Industry, Child Labor Laws. (As revised June 30, 1981)

1. Any person sixteen years of age or older may:

- a. Work with or participate fully in all activities of a voluntary fire company, provided that, if such person is less than eighteen years of age, such person shall first:
- b. Supply to the Chief executive officer of the volunteer fire company written confirmation that such person has parental or guardian approval; and
- c. Attain certification under National Fire Protection Association 1001, level one, fire fighter

2. The following activities involving fire fighting are prohibited:

- a. Minors, 16 and 17 years of age, shall not enter a burning structure.
- b. The term “burning structure” as used in the restriction shall not include a structure which contains burning materials.
- c. Minors, 14 and 15 years of age, shall not participate in fire fighting or support activities at the fire scene, enter a burning structure, enter a structure which contains burning materials, or engage in any other activity prohibited in the Rules and Regulations.
- d. Minors under 14 years of age shall not participate in any activity related to fire fighting.

3. The following stipulation was also adopted:

- a. Make ordinance a part of the agreement between the County and fire and rescue service companies which have been approved by the Fire Chief's Association and only the companies signing off on the agreement concerning the training be allowed to utilize this ordinance, and
- b. Any Company found in violation of placing a minor in a live-fire situation without proper training would automatically lose that years funding from this County.