

## **Fire Fighter Cadet**

**(Fire Fighter Cadet is a NON-PAID position.)**

### **A. INTENT**

This position will give young people exposure to various duties and skills involved in the fire service. This knowledge will assist them in making a decision whether or not to continue in this career field.

The program will benefit the department by creating a pool of people who are knowledgeable and interested in the fire service. The department will consider qualified fire fighter Cadets when openings occur in the Apprentice classification.

This position will allow (with the Fire Chiefs approval) the Cadet to attend the Michigan Fire Fighter's Training Council FF-I, & FF-II training. Approval prior to applying to any school must be received from the Chief.

The Cadet may respond to alarms as approved by the Deputy Chief. The Cadet may perform limited duties, and participate in department trainings as determined by the Deputy Chief. The Cadet may participate in other department activities approved by the Deputy Chief.

The goal of this program is to expose the Cadet to the fire service and provide initial training. The Deputy Chief and the Cadet will determine a schedule for the Cadet, considering the student's school requirements and other time limits.

### **B. ON SCENE ACTIVITIES**

1. The Cadet will report to the Incident Commander for all assignments at scenes.
2. The Cadets will wear a colored vest labeled "Cadet", which is readily visible at all times when on scenes.
3. To ensure the safety of the Cadets, they will not be allowed to enter a scene that would subject them to any hazardous environment. If they are in a department vehicle when responding to a medical or PI, they will stay inside the vehicle, unless command directs otherwise.

### **C. EQUIPMENT**

1. The Cadet may be issued a department pager, turnout gear, and copies of the department rules, and Policy Orders.
2. The helmet will be marked with a large letter A on both sides to be readily recognizable as Cadets at scenes.
3. No equipment issued by the department may be used outside of the Township.
4. Department issued uniform (shirt, pants, badge, name tag etc.) will only be worn when attending a department function.

### **D. QUALIFICATIONS**

1. All applicants must meet the pre-employment specifications of Policy #110, except as stated in this Policy (#193).
2. All applicants for this position must be at least 16 years old, and enrolled in high school.
3. Written permission to apply for the Cadet Program will be required from a parent, and school administrator.

#### **E. DUTIES**

1. The Cadet will assist at scenes by obtaining equipment, assisting in setup, placement of equipment, and other duties as assigned by the Incident Commander.
2. The Cadet will assist with in house station duties and other activities inside and outside the station until 7:00 PM. The Fire Chief or Deputy Chief may assign the Cadet special duties.
3. The Cadet will assist in returning all equipment back into service after alarms.
4. The Cadet will be expected to learn the location of all tools and equipment on all apparatus and in the station house.
5. The Cadet will participate in all aspects of departmental trainings and activities that are within their capabilities, and not considered hazardous.

#### **F. RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The Cadet will be responsible to know, and adhere to all rules and Policy Orders of the Plainfield Fire Department.
2. The Cadet will not be allowed to have direct contact with any patient being treated by the department.
3. All Cadets are expected to drive their personal vehicle in a safe and prudent manner when responding to alarms, and adhere to the Michigan Vehicle Code.
4. The Cadet will not be allowed to equip their personal vehicle with emergency lights or siren.
5. The Cadet will not be allowed to drive any fire apparatus responding to an emergency. The Cadet may drive a fire apparatus with an Officer, or E.O. in the vehicle, if they are at least 18 years old.