

CAPITAL CITY FIRE/RESCUE

SOG NUMBER 42.0

STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

DATE: July 05, 2006

REVISION DATES:

CADET PROGRAM

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this guideline shall be to promote an interest in the Fire Department among young people, to provide training in the use and care of equipment, the development of safe habits and the prevention of fires; to provide recreation for young people, and to encourage youths to take an interest in their community.

GUIDELINE:

42.1 Membership

- 42.1.1** For a person to be eligible for membership in Capital City Fire and Rescue Cadet Program, they must be 16 to 18 years of age.
- 42.1.2** They must present an application that has been signed by their parents or guardians and have been accepted by the Fire Chief.
- 42.1.3** The new Cadet will not be able to respond to fire calls until they have completed their initial recruit training, received approval of their captain, and the Fire Chief.
- 42.1.4** To remain a member, the Cadet must maintain satisfactory school grades (C average or as specified by the parent or guardian) and be of good character.
- 42.1.5** If a Cadet misses two consecutive drills without a good reason, they will be contacted by their captain. If he/she misses three consecutive drills without an acceptable excuse, he/she will be asked to resign by the Fire Chief.

42.2 Responding to emergencies

- 42.2.1** Cadets are not allowed to respond to car fires, traffic accidents, or hazardous material incidents.
- 42.2.2** Cadets are not to respond to any fire calls after 10:00 p.m. on a school night.
- 42.2.3** Cadets may ride to a fire scene in the car of a senior firefighter, parent or guardian.
- 42.2.4** Cadets that are licensed drivers will be permitted to drive their personal cars, providing all state, and local laws are obeyed. The Cadet, parent or guardian will not be permitted to use four way flashers, horn blowing, headlight blinking or blue lights. They must yield the right of way to all

42.2.4 cont. emergency vehicles and park well away from the scene. **Cadets may not exceed the posted speed limit, run stop signs or traffic lights.**

42.2.5 Cadets must complete the recruit class and receive approval from the chief before they may ride to a fire scene with their turnout gear, on department apparatus in any seat left vacant by senior firefighters.

42.2.6 Entering a moving apparatus or riding on the exterior of apparatus is expressly prohibited. Seat belts **must** be worn at all times while the apparatus is in motion.

42.2.7 Responding to a fire scene in any manner not prescribed previously will be considered a violation. Any violation will be taken to the Division Chief of Volunteers and could result in dismissal. In addition, to any charges preferred by a law enforcement officer.

42.3 On the scene

42.3.1. All Calls

42.3.1.1. All Cadets will be required to wear proper clothing at training sessions and on fire grounds.

42.3.1.2 Cadets must obey the orders of officers, and guidelines at all times.

42.3.1.3 Cadets will comply with any order given by a senior officer, or a senior firefighter unless the order conflicts with the S.O.G.'s

42.3.1.4 When a cadet arrives on scene, they are to report to staging.

42.3.2 Structure Fires

42.3.2.1 A cadet's purpose on the scene of a structure fire is to assist the senior firefighters with water supply, retrieval of equipment, replacing SCBA air tanks during rehabilitation, and other activities that do not actively involve attacking the fire or entering the hot zone.

42.3.2.2 Cadets must never enter a burning building.

42.3.2.3 Cadets must stay clear of any structure involved in a fire. Cadets must stay in staging when not carrying out orders from a senior firefighter or officer. If a Cadet must proceed to the rear of a building to deliver equipment, pull hose, etc. the Cadet must stay well clear of the structure to avoid falling debris and other hazards.

42.3.3 Wildland and Trash Fires

42.3.3.1 Cadets may use any equipment they have been trained in the use of on the scene of a wildland or trash fire under the command of an officer only.

42.3.4 Public Service Calls, and Downed trees, and electrical lines

42.3.4.1 A Cadets main purpose on the scene of a public service call or downed tree and/or electrical line is to help Senior Firefighters when asked. If electrical lines are involved, Cadets are not to approach the area under any circumstances.

42.4 Age Restrictions

42.4.1 Any Cadet under the age of 17 may NOT use hand tools.

42.4.2 Any Cadet under the age of 18 may NOT use power tools.

42.5 When Assignment is completed

42.5.1 Cadets may be ordered to leave the scene of a incident at any time by a senior firefighter, or officer and must comply immediately

42.5.2 Cadets will leave incident scenes on school nights at 11:00p.m.

42.5.3 Cadets will return to the station when an assignment is completed before 11:00 p.m. to help clean and ready equipment, put vehicles back in service, and fill out reports.

42.6 Turn out Gear & Equipment

42.6.1 All Cadets will be required to wear proper clothing at training sessions, and on fire grounds. Official turnout gear will be issued upon starting service, and will not go home with the Cadet until the initial probation has been completed.

42.6.2 All equipment issued by the Fire Department must be returned when a Cadet's membership ceases for any reason.

42.6.3 A cadet's sponsor or officer must be notified immediately if any turnout gear or pager is lost, stolen, or broken.

42.6.4 Any Cadet suspected of misuse or destruction of Fire Department property may be dismissed as a Cadet.

42.7 Training

42.7.1 All training sessions are necessary, and all firefighters and Cadets will be expected to attend, unless a legitimate reason is given.

42.7.2 Training will be given by a senior Firefighter, officers, or by a person from outside the department. New Cadets will receive extensive introductory training in the operation of the CCFR trucks, radios, and other aspects of general fire service.

42.8 Off Fire Scene

- 42.8.1** Cadets must maintain, at all times, a respectable appearance since they represent the Fire Department in the community.
- 42.8.2** They must obey senior firefighters' orders, as well as their own officers' when they do not conflict with the S.O.Gs.
- 42.8.3** He/she must participate in all phases of the Fire Departments activities.
- 42.8.4** They must respect other persons and their property at all times.

42.9 Violations

- 42.9.1** The officers of the CCFR will act upon violations of Cadet S.O.G's.
- 42.9.2** All driving violations will be reported to the Division Chief of Volunteers.
- 42.9.3** Horse play in the station, on apparatus or on emergency scenes is not permitted.

42.10 Staying overnight at the Station

- 42.10.1** Cadets must have written parental or guardian permission to stay in fire stations over night.
- 42.10.2** Cadets may only stay overnight at the station on non-school nights. To be eligible to stay on a given night they must be at the station between 8 p.m. and 10p.m. and assist the Live in fire fighters on duty with their duties. No more than one Cadet can stay on the same night. No Cadet may stay more than twice in a month.
- 42.10.3** Cadets are not allowed at the station before 3:00 pm on school days. This does not apply during summer months, or when school is not in session.
- 42.10.4** Per State, and City Laws, no Cadet under the age of 18 will be allowed to use tobacco products of any kind while on the Fire Department property.

42.11 All decisions of the Fire Chief are final.