



# Green Village Volunteer Fire Department

Serving Chatham Township Fire District Number One and Portions of Harding Township

## JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (M.I.)

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you possess a valid NJ Driver's License?  YES  NO

DRIVER'S LICENSE #: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

[PREPARTICIPATION MEDICAL EVALUATION FORM ATTACHED](#) (required)  YES  NO

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print clearly or type.
2. Include your name on the top of each of the following pages.
3. Complete the Preparticipation Medical Evaluation form.
4. Obtain the proper signatures on application and medical form.
5. Mail or bring all pages of the application to:  
**Green Village Fire Department - Membership**  
**529 Green Village Road**  
**Green Village, NJ 07935**

***THE APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES AND ALL INFORMATION  
MUST BE COMPLETED FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.***

***ALL APPLICANTS ARE SUBJECT TO A BACKGROUND CHECK.***

**APPLICANT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the Junior Firefighter Program and Policies as set forth by the Green Village Fire Department. I also understand that any violation of the program and policies may result in my dismissal from the program. If accepted to the membership, I will obey the By-Laws of the Green Village Fire Department.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Junior Firefighter Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT - REQUIRED***

Does the applicant currently have any physical condition that would prevent them from fulfilling the duties of a Junior Firefighter outlined above?       YES       NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the Junior Firefighter Program and Policies as set forth by the Green Village Fire Department. I hear by grant my child permission to participate in this program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Parent/Legal Guardian Name (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

***EMERGENCY CONTACTS - REQUIRED***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact 3

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**  
**JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT**

APPLICATION RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PREPARTICIPATION MEDICAL EVALUATION FORM ATTACHED       YES       NO

BACKGROUND CHECK: \_\_\_\_\_       APPROVED       DENIED  
Date

REASON(S)/NOTE(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

COPY ATTACHED:     YES     NO

**GVFD APPROVALS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
GVFD Chief (PRINT)      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
GVFD Chief Signature

SWORN IN AS:     JUNIOR MEMBER      \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Equipment Issued	Serial Number	Date Issued	Date Returned
Auto ID Plate			
Badge (Wallet)			
Badge			
By-Laws			
Class A Uniform			
Class B Uniform			
Pager			
PPE			

## **JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM AND POLICIES GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Junior Firefighter Program was instituted by the Green Village Fire Department (GVFD) as a training program for young men and women, ages 16-18, interested in serving their community and preparing to become active firefighter upon reaching the age of 18. In addition, members interested in a career as a professional firefighter can develop a foundation in firefighting with GVFD Junior Firefighter Program. Past participants have continued to serve the community as an active firefighter while home from college and upon graduation.

At age 18, the Junior Firefighter is eligible to attend the Morris County Fire Academy for the Firefighter I course. At this time, the firefighter is placed on probationary status (for up to one year) as an active firefighter. Upon completion of the course, the probationary firefighter becomes eligible for membership as an active member.

Junior Firefighter members serve in a support role for the senior firefighters at actual emergencies as a supplement to a formal training program. The Junior Firefighters attend weekly training drills geared to the junior program as well as participate in a majority of the drills with the full department. A GVFD fire officer serves as the Junior Firefighter training officer, and he/she is the primary contact person for the Junior Firefighter. Junior firefighters selected are expected to act in a mature manner and commit to a demanding, long-term program.

In both training sessions and actual emergency situations, the safety of the Junior Firefighter is of paramount concern to the department. As such, the activities of the Junior Firefighter are limited in scope and the fire officers closely supervise them. The Junior Firefighter become an integral part of the firefighting team during emergencies, serving in such important capacities as establishing a water supply, supplying equipment for interior firefighters, changing air bottles and/or packs, manning exterior hose lines, assisting with interior overhaul once a fire has been extinguished and an officer determines that it is safe for the Junior Firefighter to enter the structure. It should be understood, however that despite the training and supervision provided, firefighting is a dangerous activity and serious injury is a possibility. The fire officers will make every effort to minimize the Junior Firefighters exposure to danger. It is also the responsibility of the Junior Firefighter to avoid known hazardous situations.

Due to the inherent dangers of firefighting, strict rules of conduct and tight procedural standards have been established in an actual emergency. It is essential that all firefighters, including Junior Firefighters, act in a calm and efficient manner. The Junior Firefighters are expected to attend training drills to be prepared for the many challenges presented in an emergency situation. Each member is expected to read and understand these requirements and to adhere to the standards. The GVFD fire and administrative officers are available to discuss any questions

### **Eligibility**

1. Any resident of the Chatham's, Harding Twp, or Madison between the ages 16-18, may make an application for membership in the Green Village Volunteer Junior Firefighter Program. At the discretion of the GVFD Chief, a 15-year-old may be accepted.
2. The applicant must be in good academic standing at his/her school at the time of application and during the period of membership as a Junior Firefighter. A minimum GPA of 2.0 ("C") must be maintained.
3. The applicant must complete an application, including a Preparticipation Physical Evaluation form. Included with the application is a parental consent that must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. The application must be approved by the membership committee head, GVFD Chief, and GVFD President.

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### **General Rules**

1. The general standard of conduct is to act in the manner of a professional. Junior Firefighters represent the GVFD and are expected to be courteous and respectful to fellow firefighters, emergency service personal, and the citizens served. The GVFD will not tolerate vulgar, offensive, discriminatory, or threatening language, or gestures at any time. Junior Firefighters may not wear any article of clothing that in the opinion of a fire office would be offensive to the public we serve. Violations will result in disciplinary action and may include suspension.
2. The GVFD maintains a “zero tolerance” policy with respect to drugs and alcohol use and violation of public laws. Any possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, on GVFD premises, on apparatus, emergency scene, training drill, official functions, or while in GVFD uniform will result in immediate and permanent suspension from the GVFD Junior Firefighter Program. Junior Firefighters may not smoke on GVFD premises, apparatus, emergency scene, training drill, official function, or while in GVFD uniform. Any arrest or conviction for a crime will result in a review of the circumstances by the GVFD Chief, Chatham Twp. and/or New Vernon Police Chief; .and may result in disciplinary action including permanent suspension.
3. Junior Firefighters may not use or display emergency identification on their vehicle (i.e., blue lights). Junior Firefighters will not be issued identification cards.
4. Junior Firefighters may not enter the fire station unless a senior member of the department is present and then only for official business (emergency response, training drill, department meetings, or work detail). Junior Firefighters will not be given building keys or door lock combinations. Junior Firefighters may not bring friends into the firehouse or permit them to be aboard fire apparatus.
5. Junior Firefighters may enter the GVFD Rec room only when a senior member of the department is present and then only following an emergency response, training drill, department meeting, or work detail.
6. Junior Firefighters are not permitted to attend overnight stand-by details (will be released from a stand-by not later than 10:00PM).
7. Junior Firefighters are not permitted to accompany GVFD firefighters covering the station of another fire department.
8. Junior Firefighters may not borrow GVFD equipment for personal use.
9. Junior Firefighters may not operate GVFD vehicles except for the pickup. Power Equipment such as chain saws/roof saws and extrication tools are to be operated only under the direct supervision of a fire officer or his/her designee (must be at least 16 years old to operate any power tool). Power tool use for training purposes only. A Junior Firefighter may not operate any power tool or cutting device at any emergency scene. Full protective gear including gloves and eye protection must be worn by the Junior Firefighter when operating any power tool or cutting device.
10. Junior Firefighters may climb GVFD ground ladders or aerial ladder for training purposes only. Any ladder use must be under the direct supervision of a GVFD fire officer or his/her designee. A ladder belt or safety harness and full protective gear must be worn at all times. Ladders or aerial equipment of another fire department may not be used by the Junior Firefighter without the consent of a fire officer from the other fire department and a GVFD fire officer.
11. Junior Firefighters are not to participate in any GVFD activity including emergencies during the school day. Junior Firefighters are not to leave school for an emergency response. Junior Firefighters are not to respond to any alarm dispatched after 9:30PM on a school night (Sunday-Thursday).
12. Junior Fighters must attend a minimum of 30% of training drills conducted each year. Junior Firefighters are not required to respond to emergency alarms or department business meetings.

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13. Junior Firefighters are responsible for the care of all GVFD gear issued to them, and are financially responsible for loss or damage from other than official use as a Junior Firefighter.
14. Junior Firefighters may not fill SCBA air bottles, and are to remain clear of filling area when air bottles are being filled.
15. No firefighter is to ride on a truck step. All firefighters are to be seated in the truck cab with seat belt fastened when the apparatus is in motion. Junior Firefighters may not repack hose from the hose bed if the apparatus is in motion.
16. All firefighters responding to emergency alarms in private vehicles are expected to obey all applicable motor vehicle laws.
17. Report any injury to a GVFD fire officer or safety officer as soon as possible.
18. No firefighter may not accept monetary payment or gifts for services rendered as a firefighter. Any citizen offering payment of any kind should be advised that payment for firefighting services is not expected. Never accept contributions at an emergency scene. Those individuals seeking to make a contribution should be advised to consider a voluntary contribution to GVFD as part of the annual fund drive.

### **Emergency Response**

1. Junior Firefighters may respond to emergency alarms except as outlined in (2) below. Junior Firefighters should respond to the firehouse or as directed by the GVFD Chief or Junior Firefighter Training officer via a standing assignment order. Junior Firefighters may respond on GVFD apparatus if seats are available (Junior Firefighters will relinquish seats to senior firefighters as needed). Junior Firefighters are under the command of GVFD fire officers from the time of their arrival at the fire station or emergency scene until released from duty by a GVFD fire officer. If no officer is aboard the apparatus, the Junior Firefighter will be under the command of the driver until reassigned to a GVFD officer. Junior Firefighters are not to leave an emergency scene without the knowledge and consent of a GVFD officer.
2. Junior Firefighters may not respond to an emergency alarm relating to a hazardous material incident, biological or nuclear, explosive device, terrorist incident, police jurisdiction/crime scene assistance or mass casualty (defined as one likely to involve four or more individuals seriously injured or killed – such as an incident involving a train, aircraft, or bus accident). Junior Firefighters are not to respond to a mutual aid alarm outside Chatham Twp., Chatham Boro or New Vernon. Junior Firefighters are not to respond to request for RIT team only.
3. Junior Firefighters must wear proper protective gear while riding on the apparatus and at an emergency scene.
4. Under no circumstance is a Junior Firefighter to enter a burning structure, confined space, underground area, or area subject to a collapse or hazard. Once a fire has been brought under control, and the building determined to be structurally sound and free of hazardous materials and toxic gas, the Junior Firefighter may enter the building if accompanied at all times by a GVFD fire officer or his/her designee. This must be with the consent of the incident commander. Junior Firefighters may operate exterior hose lines under the direction of a fire officer or his/her designee. Junior Firefighters must remain well clear of a motor vehicle fire, other type fires presenting exposure to flammable liquids, or hazardous materials. At an emergency scene, a Junior Firefighter may not climb a ladder or operate from a roof or other elevated position. At an emergency scene a Junior Firefighter may not operate any power or cutting equipment.
5. Upon arrival at an emergency scene, a Junior Firefighter is not to enter a private dwelling or structure with senior firefighters for investigation or emergency action, unless expressly instructed to do so by a GVFD fire officer. Junior Firefighters are to remain with the apparatus or in close proximity to the incident commander, and await specific orders from a GVFD fire officer. If the Junior Firefighter receives orders from an officer (or request from a firefighter)

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- of another fire department, it is incumbent upon the Junior Firefighter to advise that officer or firefighter of his/her status as a Junior Firefighter and the limitations placed upon him/her.
6. During a water or ice rescue, the Junior Firefighter is to remain on shore at all times. The Junior Firefighter may not operate from a boat.
  7. At an emergency alarm involving downed power lines or gas leak, the Junior Firefighter must remain aboard the apparatus until the area of operation for the Junior Firefighter is determined to be safe by a GVFD fire officer.
  8. If assisting with directing traffic, the Junior Firefighter must wear a reflective vest, reflective stripe turnout coat and helmet at all times. In the evening hours, the Junior Firefighter must make use of a flashlight. The Junior Firefighter must operate only in an area within sight of the apparatus and/or police vehicle displaying flashing warning lights. The Junior Firefighter is not to direct traffic on a divided highway (i.e. Route 24). When assisting with traffic control or crowd control, the instructions of a police officer are to take precedence.
  9. Junior Firefighters are not to make any public comments or make any statements to the media at the time of an emergency incident, or following the incident, concerning conditions relating to the emergency scene. Example of comments to avoid are the cause and origin of a fire, condition of fire victims, condition of a home interior or firefighting technique. All public inquiries are to be referred to the incident commander or GVFD Chief. It should be understood by the Junior Firefighter that fire inspectors or arson investigation and other government officials are required to inspect certain types of damage. Their presence may in no way indicate suspicion of wrongdoing on the part of the owner. Junior Firefighters must also understand that individuals whose property has been damaged or destroyed and/or family members injured or killed are extremely sensitive to the statements and action of emergency personnel. GVFD firefighters are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect and compassion for these individuals in both their words and actions.
  10. Valuables found at an emergency scene are to be immediately turned over to a GVFD fire officer or police officer. Theft by a Junior Firefighter will result in an immediate suspension from the Junior Firefighter Program and the police will be notified.
  11. Junior Firefighters are not to have any contact with an injured person or dead body unless properly certified (First Responder, EMT, or Paramedic). And then only at the direction of a GVFD fire officer or EMT crew chief. Report any accidental contact with blood or body fluid to a GVFD fire officer, safety officer, or EMT crew chief immediately so that medical treatment can be initiated promptly.