



SPRINGVILLE FIRE

SPRINGVILLE, NEW YORK



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER
PROGRAM EST. 2023

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PURPOSE AND HISTORY

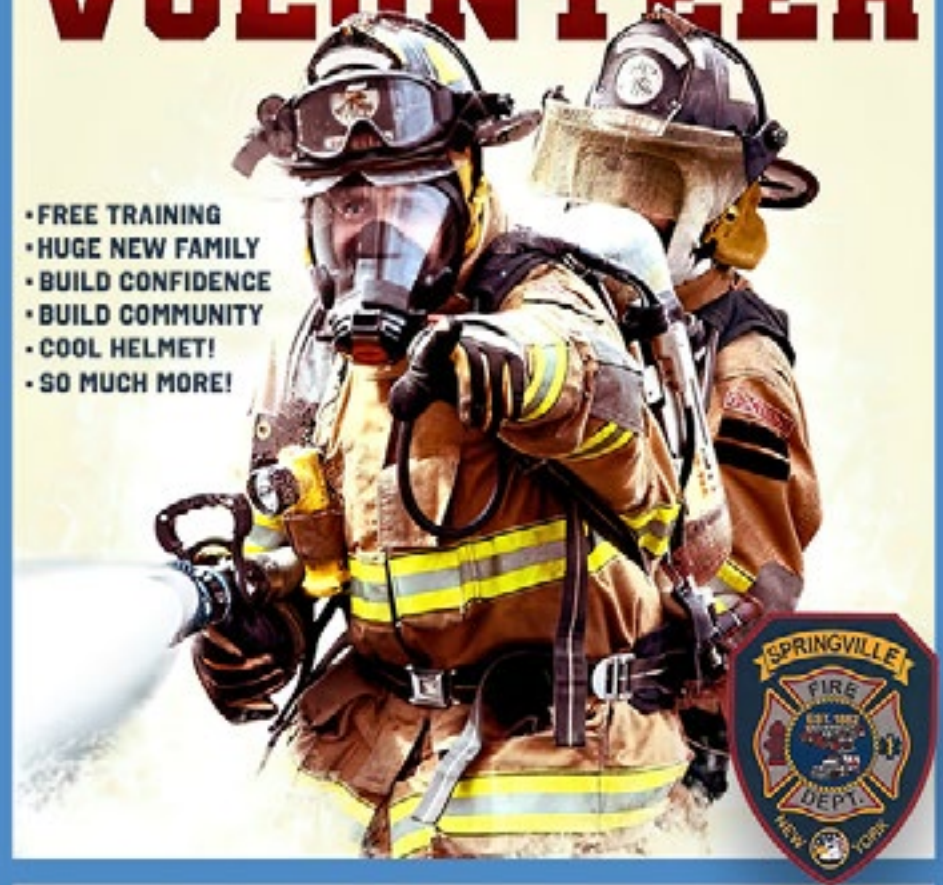
The Springville Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1882 to provide fire protection services to the Village of Springville. We are proud to be 100% volunteer. In 2023, a Junior Firefighter Program was implemented to develop youth with fire training and service. Being a Junior Firefighter is a rewarding way to learn skills used in firefighting and rescue operations. Upon learning a minimum number of skills, Junior Firefighters can and are requested to respond to emergency calls under the supervision of senior Firefighters.

The jobs that Junior firefighters do, free up qualified senior firefighters to perform other crucial tasks. Junior firefighters will learn on the job and with regular training, be able to fight real fires once becoming an Active Firefighter at age 18. All training, uniforms and personal protective equipment are provided at no cost.

Being a firefighter can be a dangerous job. Strict laws exist to protect minors from the most hazardous dangers. For example Junior firefighters will never enter a burning building or operate on top of a roof.

VOLUNTEER

- FREE TRAINING
- HUGE NEW FAMILY
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- BUILD COMMUNITY
- COOL HELMET!
- SO MUCH MORE!



SPRINGVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU

CALL: 716-592-4487 & LEAVE CONTACT INFO, OR STOP BY THE MAIN ST. FIRE HALL, ANY MONDAY NIGHT BETWEEN 7-8 PM.

**FIREFIGHTERS / EMS / DRIVERS / FIRE POLICE
BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

MISSION AND VALUES

The Springville Fire Department and its Junior Firefighters work in cooperation to educate, protect and serve the youth of Springville and surrounding communities.

MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain a safe environment for youth to gather within the community to learn about many aspects of the fire service and to provide avenues for positive social interaction for youth within the program, and for youth within the community.

CORE VALUES

Recognizing the dedication, skill and value of all members, we will create and maintain an environment of individual safety, well-being and trust. We are guided by: Service to Others, Teamwork, Compassion, Integrity, Safety, Honesty, Accountability, Professionalism and Respect.



JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS

THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE A JR. FIREFIGHTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Junior Firefighters are young men and women at least 14 years old but not older than 18 years.

Members who are at least 16 years old are also called Restricted Duty Fire Firefighters or Level II Firefighters within the Springville Volunteer Fire Department.

Restricted Duty Firefighters or Level II Firefighters may take New York State Fire Training classes and are still expected to participate in all Junior Firefighter Program activities.

Must be able to follow directions and obey all orders while maintaining a sense of professionalism and good conduct.

Should be willing to attend scheduled meetings and required training. Special training activities are optional but highly encouraged.

Must maintain a 75% average or higher in their schoolwork to remain active.

Need to be self-starters and be willing to learn.

Who regularly strive to learn more and be involved will be rewarded with increasing levels of responsibility and opportunities.

WHO DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REMOVED FROM ACTIVE STATUS TO ALLOW OTHER JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE.

CODE OF CONDUCT

AS A MEMBER OF THE SPRINGVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, BEING A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER, YOU ARE EXPECTED AND REQUIRED TO:

Abide by all of the Standard Operating Procedures and all other rules and regulations of the Junior Firefighter Program.

Conduct yourself in a professional and courteous manner that will reflect well upon you and the entire department, especially when in uniform.

Demonstrate honesty, fairness, and integrity.

Treat all people with courtesy and respect, recognizing the value and worth of each individual.

Dress respectfully and modestly at department functions that you attend (i.e. Fundraisers ,picnics, etc.).

Refrain from foul language while in uniform, at the station, and while participating in department functions.

Work as a team with others, participate in training, Junior Firefighter meetings and fundraisers.

Obey the chain of command.

Always bring full turnout gear to trainings.

Always keep your accountability tags on your turnout coat, at all times.

Notify an advisor or parent in charge (if assigned) upon arrival and departure from the station and department functions.

Immediately report any problems to an Advisor or parent in charge (if assigned).

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

MEMBERS OF THE SPRINGVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH:

Providing an opportunity for youth to serve the community.

Respectful and courteous treatment of all people.
Accountability for our actions.

Open honest communications.

Educating peers about fire safety and prevention.

Providing a safe environment for youth activity within the community.



ADVISOR SUPERVISION

An approved female adult advisor 21 years of age or over, a female firefighter or parent of the female junior must be present for any activity involving the Junior Female Firefighter.

An approved male adult advisor 21 years of age or over, a male firefighter or parent of the male junior must be present for any activity involving the Junior male Firefighter.

One-on-one contact between approved advisors and Junior Firefighters is prohibited both inside and outside of the Fire Service.

In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other advisors, and/or youth.

Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another approved advisor or parent.

Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another approved Advisor or parent.



LEVEL I

LEVEL I - JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER

All Junior Firefighters begin at Level I status, regardless of age.

Shall follow all rules of the department and any orders given by Officers or Senior Members.

Shall attend regular drills, meetings, training sessions, fundraisers, etc.

May ride apparatus to non-emergency events.

LEVEL II

LEVEL II - JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER

Must be at least 16 years of age, have served as a Level I Junior firefighter for no less than 6 months, and been given approval to be a Level II Junior firefighter by the Junior firefighter Advisors and Company Chief.

Shall follow all rules of the department and any orders given by Officers or Senior Members.

Shall attend regular drills, training sessions, fundraisers, etc.

May ride apparatus to emergency calls with permission of the officer in charge.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Chief of the Department will appoint a member to the position of Junior Firefighter Program Advisor to directly supervise and manage the Junior Firefighter Program, this person may appoint a committee known as the Program Advisors to assist him/her in those duties. Each Advisor will be subject to a criminal background check prior to being accepted to the position.

The Junior Firefighter Program shall abide by all federal, state rules and regulations.

The Junior Firefighter Program is completely under the jurisdiction of the VILLAGE OF SPRINGVILLE AND THE SPRINGVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT. All Junior Firefighters will be enrolled in the Village of Springville/Fire Department Insurance Plan. Restricted Duty Junior Firefighters are additionally insured by the Volunteer Firefighters Benefit Law.

After the initial interview for membership into the SVFD Junior Firefighter Program the recommending committee must submit a completed application to the Springville Fire Company Board of Directors.

All fire department members must recognize rules and regulations that govern minors and their safety.

Junior Firefighters are not permitted to participate unsupervised in activities that are prohibited.

Junior Firefighters must recognize when they have been asked to perform something not appropriate and will report this to the requesting Firefighter and officer in charge.

Junior Firefighters shall at no time be at the fire station unsupervised.

Junior Firefighters do not have voting privileges Junior Firefighters at ages 16 and 17 may attend company meetings, providing that it does not coincide with scheduled JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER activities or meetings. Junior Firefighters may be asked to leave a meeting while some issues are being discussed.

Junior Firefighters are expected to attend department and company drills, fundraisers, parades, and work details.

SVFD expects the Junior Firefighters to show respect to all members, and in return members are expected to show respect to the Junior Firefighters. Junior Firefighters will be afforded the opportunity to receive certain benefits that active members receive (ex: jackets, hats, t-shirts, etc.).

THE FOLLOWING ARE GUIDELINES TO HOURS OF EMERGENCY CALLS.

HOURS OF OPERATIONS - AGES 14 & 15 (LEVEL I) JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER

No activity while school is in session. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

No activity between 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM during school weeks.

If a training session exceeds 9:00PM, Junior Firefighter must leave no later than one hour after the conclusion of the drill.

NOTE: The hours specified by the parents always supersede the hours listed .

HOURS OF OPERATIONS -AGES 16 & 17 JR. FIREFIGHTER

No activity while school is in session. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

No activity between 10:00PM and 7:00AM during school weeks.

If a training session exceeds curfew time, Junior Firefighters must leave no later than one hour after the conclusion of the drill.

Calls answered before the deadline: MAY continue to serve the call, but they may not answer any new calls dispatched after the deadline.

NOTE: The hours specified by the parents always supersede the hours listed.

ADVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

Advisors must ensure that all participating in Junior Firefighter activities abide by the guidelines of the Junior Firefighter Program and bylaws of the Springville Fire Department

Advisors and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Junior Firefighter Program and health and safety policies.

Advisors are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary.

Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional or spiritual abuse, weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, bullying/cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography will not be tolerated.



RESPONDING TO CALLS ON APPARATUS

Junior Firefighters may respond to calls on the apparatus if they are Level II (Restricted Duty Firefighters) and are at least 16 years old. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE ALLOWED.

All members shall don full protective equipment before boarding any piece of apparatus that is responding to a call. Junior Firefighters shall wear full protective equipment to all calls unless directed otherwise by the officer in charge.

When riding any piece of apparatus, Junior Firefighters shall position themselves in a seat with a seat belt in place and securely fastened. Under no circumstances will a Junior Firefighter stand up on an apparatus while the apparatus is in motion.

Junior Firefighters shall remain with the apparatus while on scene until given instructions by the Officer in Charge of the apparatus.

All instructions from the officer must be followed exactly. If you are not sure how to follow those orders or have been assigned something you are not permitted to do, say so right away so your task can be clarified or so someone else can be given the assignment.

No person under the age of 18 shall start or attempt to start, or move any fire department vehicle. No exceptions.

Upon returning to the station, assist in clean up, store your gear properly and sign the call roster.

In the event of a Level I Junior Firefighter being on the apparatus at the time of an alarm, the officer in charge is to ensure that the Junior Firefighter is properly seat belted, and then proceed to the alarm as you normally would. NEVER leave a Junior Firefighter behind unattended.

DRIVING OF PERSONAL VEHICLES

Only members that are at least 16 years old and have a valid New York State driver's license may drive personal vehicles to the fire station.

At no time is anyone under the age of 18 permitted to use a colored light, hazard lights, honk horn, or use any other warning devices while responding to a call. All speed limits and traffic laws are to be strictly followed.

The Springville Volunteer Fire Department is in no way responsible or liable for any moving violations or accidents while enroute to or from any fire department activity.

Failure to abide by these rules will result in a suspension of at least 30 days and possible expulsion from the Junior Firefighters



PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

Training is a very important part of being a firefighter.

Participate in organized training activities in which an adult member of the department is present and supervising the Junior Firefighters (s).

All aspects of fire suppression training except interior live fire extinguishment (unless Level II Junior Firefighters AND successfully completed NYS BFO/IFO (Basic / Interior Firefighter Operations)

Rescue training.

Safety training.

Attack a fire with hose lines as part of EXTERIOR operations.

Setting up ground ladders.

Setting up Positive Pressure Ventilation as part of EXTERIOR operations.

Salvage operations while "on air"(must be SCBA trained and passed FIT Test)

Assisting in water supply operations.



OFFICERS

The Chief of the Springville Volunteer Fire Department will designate one member of the Springville Volunteer Fire Department to the position of Advisor to supervise the Junior Firefighters . The Advisor will designate an Assistant Advisor and as many Company Associate Advisors as he or she deems necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the program.

The members of the Junior Firefighters will elect three officers: President, Captain, and Lieutenant. Additional officer positions can be created and/or eliminated by the Advisor as needed.

To hold an officer position, a member must have been in good standing for at least six months. Officers must be willing to provide additional effort to complete the duties of that position.

Nominations are held at the March meeting and Elections are held at the April meeting. Votes are cast by secret ballot. Members are elected by a simple majority vote. Tie votes will result in a run-off vote of the tied candidates. At least one month written notice will be given before nominations and elections. To be nominated, the member must be in attendance or submit a signed letter of acceptance.



EXPECTATIONS

The Springville Volunteer Fire Department is proud of its members and we are excited to have you as part of our family. We look forward to working and training with you, while creating an enjoyable atmosphere to help you grow in the fire and EMS realm.

You will find that your individual service to our community will be a truly rewarding experience, one that you can be proud of. And the community you serve, will in turn, be proud of you.

Welcome to Springville Fire.

