

## BROOMALL FIRE COMPANY

# Cadet Firefighter Program

### Cadet Firefighter Rules

Cadets must be 13 years of age to join and can participate thru 16 years of age.

- Cadet members must maintain at least a “C” average in their school coursework and produce documentation of the same at the time they join. Documentation of grades must subsequently be provided to the department after each marking period. If a parent asks to limit participation for their child at a higher average, their word will always be the last. In the event a cadet member has lower than a “C” average, he or she will be placed on probation until the grade returns to a “C.” **Report cards must be** submitted to the Cadet Director at the end of each marking period.
- Cadets must obtain written permission from a parent or legal guardian to participate in the program.
- Cadets shall report directly to their advisor for all assignments and activities.
- Cadet Classes
  - 1st year and/or 13 yrs of age – Freshman Cadet
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year and/or 14 yrs of age – Sophomore Cadet
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year and/or 15 yrs of age – Junior Cadet
  - 4<sup>th</sup> year and/or 16 yrs of age – Senior Cadet can become active member of BFC
  - 17 years of age – Junior Firefighter and Active Member of BFC
  - 18 years old with NFF- I Certification Senior Firefighter and Active Member
- Cadets may participate in the following activities:
  - Parades or special events - **All classes**
  - Fundraising events (when allowed by law) - **All Classes**
  - Cadet training - **All Classes**
  - Company Training – **Junior and Senior Cadets**
  - Fire prevention and life safety education and activities –**All Classes**
  - Company Meetings – **Senior Cadets**
  - Fire scene activities only after completing training and only in a support mode outside the “Hot Zone” **Junior and Senior Cadets**
- Cadets should regularly attend meetings or events.
  - Regular meeting nights
  - Special Events
- Junior Cadets may only perform support or auxiliary work at fire ground operations, such as providing refreshments to the first responders, well outside of the “hot zone” or operational area. Under close supervision of mentors or instructors

- Cadets may not operate any fire department vehicle.
- Cadets and their parent (s) or guardian (s) must sign a waiver that includes full disclosure of risks of participating in the program.
- The Cadet will be supplied with a Cadet T-shirt that will be worn during meetings and training.
- The Cadet will be supplied personal protection uniform (hard helmet, eye protection, and gloves).
- The Cadets must achieve program badges prior to being able to participate in certain activities.
- Cadets **will not** have access to the firehouse unless with an advisor.
- Cadets shall be respectful to all Company officers, instructors, mentors, firefighters, and the public. Cadets are asked to address company officers by their title or Mr./Mrs.
- Cadet disciplinary action will first be addressed by the instructor, then the Director or Assistant Director then reviewed by the BFC Cadet Committee and reported to the Company Board of Directors and Fire Officers.
- Profane language will **NOT** be tolerated
- No horseplay or fighting will be tolerated
- Smoking and the use of chewing tobacco is **prohibited**
- Use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is **prohibited**
- Upon termination a Cadet shall return all BFC property