

## **SNYDER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Junior Fire Fighter**

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Volunteer Junior Firefighter (Jr. FF) for the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department.

The application process is really not as complicated as it sounds, and we don't want anyone discouraged from participating because of the steps necessary to becoming a Jr. Firefighter. The process only takes a couple of weeks, and we value your interest and desire to take on the role as a volunteer public servant.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Perry Westmoreland, Chief 325-573-6215

Under the rules of the Snyder VFD, as outlined in the department's Jr FF program, the following requirements must be met before an applicant can be considered for membership.

1. The applicant must be 16-18 years of age.
2. The applicant must live in the Snyder area of Scurry County (appx 5 miles from center of town).
3. The applicant must have a current Texas Drivers License.
4. The applicant must (under Texas Law) properly insure his/her vehicle, and agrees to provide proof of insurance at the time of application, and at any time during membership when requested to do so by the Chief.
5. The applicant may be asked to obtain a Doctor's Physical if there is any indication to suggest that health or physical condition(s) might limit fire fighting activities, and agrees to submit to any physical evaluations deemed necessary by the VFD at any time.
6. The applicant must attend two drills and one meeting of the department before being submitted to the Credentials/Jr. FF board Committee for an interview. This can take place at the 2<sup>nd</sup> drill/meeting.
7. The applicant must successfully complete an interview with the Credentials Committee/Jr. FF Board. The applicant must meet with this committee and have the application approved prior to the meeting at which a vote is requested. A Parent or Guardian must be present at the credentials meeting to insure the parent /guardian approves and signs the application.
8. Upon successful completion of the above process(es), the applicant may be brought before the department for a secret ballot vote for probationary Jr. FF membership. This process can occur at the 2nd meeting as outlined in #6 above, if all the necessary components of the application process are completed.
9. The Snyder VFD Jr. FF program allows for up to 10 Jr. Firefighters to be on the department at any one time. In the event there are 10 current Jr. FF, new applicants will be placed on a waiting list in the order that their applications were approved.

Direct any questions to Captain Terry Sowell, Jr. FF Program Coordinator.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE SNYDER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the application process as outlined above.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attached a copy of my current vehicle insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attached a copy of my medical physical results (if requested to do so)

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, first, M.I.)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I have read the application process and Operating Guidelines of the Jr. FF requirements, and that I understand the program expectations and will obey the officers of the department . All efforts will be made to avoid placing any Jr. FF in any dangerous situation. I understand that the unexpected could occur, and that serious bodily injury or death could result.

I understand I am required to attend 50% or more of department offered training. I understand I am requested to respond to as many fires as possible, but not to interfere with school academics or school related functions, and at reasonable hours as outlined in the Operating Guidelines. I understand I will be dismissed if I fail to maintain a minimal grade average of C in my school classes. I understand that protective equipment and a radio pager will be issued by the department, and agree to properly maintain said equipment, and return within 10 days of any termination from the Jr. FF program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jr. FF \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

Department President \_\_\_\_\_ SFD Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application acceptance \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_