

To: Parents of Fire Cadet Applicants
From: Osage Fire Protection District
Re: Son/Daughter's Application to become a Fire Cadet

Dear Parents:

Your son/daughter has requested an application indicating their interest in becoming a Fire Cadet with the Osage Fire Protection District.

Please review the attached Operating Guidelines and the attached Parental Consent Form. If you grant permission for their membership with this Fire Department, please complete the consent form below and return it to the Fire Department.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

We have reviewed the application and operating guidelines relating to the Fire Cadet Program and understand the requirements of being a Fire Cadet.

We also understand my son/daughter's performance, responsibilities and duties as a Fire Cadet with the Osage Fire Protection District.

Fire Cadet's Name	Social Security #
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Address

City	State	Zip
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Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Cell Phone Provider
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Email Address	School Affiliation
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We hereby give _____ our consent to become a Fire Cadet with the Cole County Fire Protection District.

Parents or Guardians	Date
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Address

City	State	Zip
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Home Phone

Signature	Relationship	Emergency #
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PURPOSE

The cadet program will provide the Operational Guidelines and the skills needed for any high school student to prepare themselves to become a regular firefighter in any volunteer or career fire department. This program will be open to any applicant at least fourteen (14) years of age to the maximum age of legal majority (in most states 18 years of age).

REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant for the cadet program must meet the following criteria:

- A. Be between 14 years of age and 18 years of age.
- B. Be in good health.
- C. Must complete the membership application and the Parental Consent Authorization.
- D. Must provide a recommendation letter from one teacher.
- E. Must provide at least three references for contact in reference to applicant.
- F. Must be able to perform the duties of a Fire Cadet in a safe manner.
- G. Must be able to follow strict orders.
- H. Must provide proof the Fire Cadet maintains a C average or better while attending school. Proof must be presented after the 2nd quarter and 4th quarter to Cadet Commander.
- I. Will wear OFPD uniforms to all OFPD functions ONLY and be easily identified as a CADET by wearing assigned reflective vest.
- J. Must follow all Osage Fire Protection District Standard Operating Guidelines.

ALLOWABLE DUTIES OF THE FIRE CADET

Each Fire Cadet will be allowed to do the following Fire Department Functions:

- A. All Fire Cadets will be eligible to attend all regular meetings, in house training sessions and any Fire Department Activity approved by the Cadet Commander(s).
- B. All Fire Cadets will be required to attend Cadet training classes and membership meetings.

C. All Fire Cadets will be allowed to respond to emergency incidents scenes with the approval of the Cadet Commander(s), except those listed in the Non-Allowable Section of these guidelines, under the following conditions:

- a. When permitted to respond to the emergency incident scene by the Cadet Commander(s), the Fire Cadet responsibility will be of support nature only.
- b. The Fire Cadet may not respond directly to a scene unless pre-approved by the cadet commander(s). The Cadet may not use any emergency lights while en-route to a scene or on the scene. Once on scene if allowed the vehicles factory equipped emergency lights may be used. Cadets must follow all traffic laws and respond non-emergency. Failure to abide by this will result in termination from the Cadet Program. Upon Cadet's arrival to a scene the Cadet will be required to report to the Incident Commander for assignment.
- c. The Fire Cadet's response may be in a personal vehicle as long as approved by the Cadet Commander(s), department vehicle or apparatus, provided the department vehicle or apparatus is not considered to be the first initial attack vehicle or apparatus arriving on the incident scene.
- d. The Fire Cadet will be allowed to assist the firefighters with regular maintenance on station facilities, equipment, and apparatus.
- e. The Fire Cadet may operate (i.e. pump apparatus, set up equipment etc.) the Fire Department's apparatus during a supervised (non-incident alarm) training session.
- f. Fire Cadets will be utilized as support personnel on scenes as long as they operate outside a minimum safety zone area during incidents.
- g. Complete reading and homework assignments for training activities.

NON-ALLOWABLE DUTIES

The following non-allowable duties shall be prohibited to all fire cadets:

A. No Fire Cadets shall be allowed to be actively or directly involved in any of the following incidents:

- a. Participate on any entry team while at the scene of a working structure fire or of which conducting a live fire burn training exercise.
- b. Participate on any entry team at a vehicle fire.
- c. Participate in any offensive fire attack at natural ground cover fires.
- d. Participate at any hazardous material or pollution spill incident.

- e. Participate at any emergency rescue or emergency medical incident.
- f. No Fire Cadet will be allowed to operate any emergency vehicle owned or used by the Osage Fire Protection District on any public thoroughfare.
- g. No Fire Cadet shall be authorized to have or install any emergency light or siren on their personal vehicle.
- h. No Fire Cadet shall respond to any automatic or mutual aid calls

CADET TRAINING SUBJECTS

As a guideline, the following course outline shall be the first step of the training levels as established by this department and as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association:

Fire Behavior	Salvage and Overhaul
Communications	Breathing Apparatus
First Responder Class	Fire Hose
Ropes and Knots	Fire Streams
Rescue Operations	Fire Ground Ladders
First Aid	Natural Cover Fires
Forcible Entry	Hazardous Materials
Ventilation	Vehicle Rescue

DISCIPLINARY CLAUSE

All Fire Cadets shall be required to operate under the accepted operating guidelines of the Osage Fire Protection District. Failure to accept or adhere to any guideline as established shall be just cause for disciplinary action in the form of suspension or termination as a member of the Osage Fire Protection District Cadet Program.