



# KUTZTOWN FIRE & RESCUE

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

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Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

Your child has expressed an interest in becoming a Junior Member of Kutztown Fire & Rescue. We request that you take a moment to review this letter.

The Junior Firefighter Program is a program that trains young adults to become qualified firefighters and emergency responders. Your child will participate in firefighting activities, fundraising events, public relation activities, and training drills. Your child will be supervised at all times by the officers and senior members to ensure that he or she will be safe and protected. Your child will be asked to take a certification course in firefighting which will certify them to perform the duties of a firefighter when they turn 18 years old. Your child will not be placed in a position where another member cannot supervise him or her.

This type of position can be very rewarding and beneficial to your child's development. As part of this development they will learn responsibility and teamwork skills. The rewards include self-gratification, a sense of pride, and community service.

As you are aware, this type of work can expose your child to good and bad situations. This type of work requires heavy lifting, extensive training, and at times stressful situations. Firefighting programs taught both in our station and at training facilities provide training on how to protect one's self when dealing with these hazards; however, all efforts will be made to exclude them from dangerous situations while they are a Junior Firefighter.

Kutztown Fire & Rescue's junior firefighter program will offer your child a rewarding experience without causing interruptions in their normal educational programs. Any disruptions in your child's educational process, including, but not limited to, declining grades or poor attendance, will result in a suspension until the problem has been corrected. We will need your help, though, to monitor this.

Junior members are not allowed in the station during school hours and are required to leave the station by 11:00pm during the school year, with the exception of fire calls where they responded with us prior to 11:00pm. During summer vacation, junior members are permitted to stay until 12:00am.

Please review the attached membership application and child labor laws that pertain to the fire service with your child. Your signature will provide permission for your child to participate in this very rewarding activity with the members of Kutztown Fire & Rescue.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 610-683-8703 ext. 1 or at [tevans@kutztownfire.com](mailto:tevans@kutztownfire.com).

Sincerely,

Todd Evans  
Fire Chief