

Hampshire County Fire Defense Recruit Training Rules and Regulations

- Students must be 18 years of age by the first day of class.
- If space is available, juniors (under 18 years old) maybe allowed into class. They will be able to participate in all training activities **except Live Fire Training Evolutions**.
- If a junior's birthday is within 14 days of the Live Fire Training Evolution, they will be allowed to participate with a letter from their Chief and Parents acknowledging the risks and hazards associated with the training.
- All students shall report to training clean shaven. A mustache may be permitted if authorized by the student's department; however, under no circumstances shall beards or other facial hair that may interfere with the safe operation or proper seal of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). In the event of a question or dispute regarding compliance with this policy, the Training Committee shall make the final determination as to whether facial hair must be removed prior to participation in training.
- No smoking, chewing of tobacco or snuff shall be allowed during classes, in classroom or at training site.
- All gear will be inspected the first day of the training by instructors. Students are required to have a full set of NFPA compliant turnout gear from the first class forward. If any turn out gear is not NFPA compliant the Student will be notified and given the opportunity to correct the deficiency.
- Students will bring to all classes a Department SCBA with a full cylinder and a spare full cylinder. All bottles must be within current hydrostatic date. SCBA and bottles will be inspected on the first day.
- All cell phones, beepers department radios and pagers are to be silenced during training sessions.
- No phone calls shall be placed or received during class, in the event of an emergency during training hours, the student may be allowed to utilize their phone only after receiving permission from the instructors.
- To receive a certificate of attendance, all classes must be attended.
- If absent for one class, the student will not be allowed to participate in the live burn practical training unless they make up the training day missed or if their Chief is willing to sign off in writing with training documentation that the student has covered the training material missed, then student will be given credit for the class and allowed to participate in the live burn training. (Absences are family issues, fires, and unforeseen personal issues)
- If a student misses two or more classes, the student will not be allowed to participate in the live burn practical training for that class session.
- Each student shall have a sign off from their respective Chief, that they have completed a physical exam clearing them for fire training.
- Any student who incurs an injury (either on the job or during training) will need to have written clearance from their Chief.
- Hampshire County students will have precedence over students from outside the county for attendance in the program.
- Cost will be \$250 per student for students selected from outside Hampshire County
- Department outside of Hampshire County will be invoiced for their student's attendance in the program.
- It is the responsibility of the members Department to obtain ICS 100, 700, CPR and First Responder certification. The training committee does not need proof of these training to issue a certificate of attendance.