

CLAY FIRE TERRITORY Standard Operating Guideline

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Cadet Program

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to establish program requirements for the cadet program.

Scope

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Clay fire Territory.

Policy

This program is designed for qualified individuals between the age of 15 – 17. This position is intended to provide training and education in the modern practices and principles of firefighting, including extinguishing and preventing fires, providing emergency medical services, and operating and maintaining fire department equipment.

The major focus is spent on training and studying emergency operational methods and techniques, as well as performing routine duties in the care and maintenance of fire department property and equipment. Individuals in this class may only observe emergency operations.

The Cadet shall be capable of reading and understanding assigned materials as they relate to emergency medical services, firefighting and fire prevention. In addition, Cadets shall be capable of performing the necessary tasks / skills associated with the required level of certification(s).

In addition to meeting the application requirements as specified in SOG 701, Cadet Firefighters must:

1. Be at least 15 years of age when applying

2. Reside within two miles of Clay Civil Township
3. Have high school diploma or GED. If in school must be receiving passing grades (generally considered 2.0 GPA) and no trancies. Grades must be submitted each semester to allow continued participation in the program.
4. Have personal references verified
5. Pass oral interview with parents present
6. Meet requirements for State Mandated 40-hour rookie training
7. Pass pre-physical exam by doctor for ability test
8. Pass physical ability test
9. Meet requirements for station time and training
10. Meet requirements for mandatory Haz-Mat Training.
11. Meet requirements for mandatory Bloodborn Pathogens Training.
12. Maintain annual CPR Certification.
13. Successfully complete a probation period.

Cadet Firefighters may participate in the following activities:

1. Participate in departmental training programs, with the exception of any / all interior live fire training.
2. Respond *as an observer* to certain fire, medical and rescue incidents between 07:00 – 22:00. Proper judgment shall be exercised by the Officer regarding the nature and circumstances of the incident.
3. Perform station time between 07:00 – 22:00 hrs.

Cadets may not:

1. Respond to any incident on the Indiana Toll Road.
2. Ride in any “non-enclosed” jump seat of any fire apparatus.
3. Participate in any interior live-fire operations or training.