



WITT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Junior Firefighter Program

Purpose: the Witt Volunteer Fire Department Junior Firefighter program is designed to allow our community's youth to explore a potential career in the Fire Service. This program will teach participants basic firefighting skills, team building skills, and leadership skills. This program is demanding and rewarding to both our youth and veteran firefighters alike.

Basic Requirements:

- Jr. Firefighters must be between the ages of 14-18 years old.
- Jr. Firefighters must have completed a consent form.
- Jr. Firefighters must maintain a 2.2 G.P.A. (C+) in school.

Rules:

- Jr. Firefighters must attend 7 fire department functions per year.
- Jr. Firefighters must act in a manner befitting a public service official.
- Jr. Firefighters must abide by the Witt Volunteer Fire Department Drug and Alcohol policy.

The Witt Volunteer Fire Department has been serving the City of Witt and surrounding communities since 1905. We have long tried to maintain a reputation of professionalism and hard work. Many members have sacrificed countless hours with family, money from their own pockets, and time away from work to help our community. Being a Witt Volunteer Firefighter will not get you on the front page of the newspaper or on Time Magazine. You will, however, get one of the most rewarding feelings a person can experience as a direct result of helping others in need.



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Name of Participant:	Born:
Home Address:	
Name of Parent (Print):	
Emergency Contact 1:	Phone #:
Emergency Contact 2:	Phone #:

I have read and understand the attached cover letter for the Witt Volunteer Fire Department Junior Firefighter program and have met the basic requirements. I agree to abide by all stated rules.

Name of Participant (Print):
Name of Participant (Sign):

I have read and understand the attached cover letter for the Witt Volunteer Fire Department Junior Firefighter program. I understand that my child will be involved in active fire ground operations which could be dangerous to his/her health. I understand that my child is not covered by the City of Witt insurance plan until the age of 18 is reached and can become a fully active member of the Witt Volunteer Fire Department. I understand that my child will be involved with life saving practices and could make a difference in the community and his/her life.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print):
Name of Parent/Guardian (Sign):



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This document shall outline the rules and regulations which must be abided by as a junior member of the Witt Volunteer Fire Department.

- I. **Meeting Attendance:** Each junior firefighter shall attend meetings if he/she desires. There are no requirements for junior firefighter meeting attendance however it is strongly recommended.
- II. **Training Attendance:** Each junior firefighter shall attend a minimum of four (4) in house training events per year. Failure to achieve this standard could result in termination from the Fire Department.
- III. **Equipment:** Each firefighter shall be outfitted with the following equipment:
 - a. One set structural firefighting gear consisting of: boots, bunker pants, bunker coat, helmet, nomex, hood, and gloves.

Volunteering as a firefighter or emergency first responder for the City of Witt and surrounding community is a privilege that is earned. The WVFD strives to make every task and complete every action a positive experience in the eyes of the public by way of professionalism and compassion. Remember, each time we roll out of the fire station we are responding to someone in need.

This document must be read and signed by the junior firefighter prior to being approved to join the Witt Volunteer Fire Department.

I, _____, have hereby read and understand the above rules and regulations associated with being a junior firefighter for the Witt Volunteer Fire Department. I understand by not following their rules and regulations I am subject to dismissal from the department.

Junior Firefighter Signature

Date



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ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

I HEARBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF MY CHILD WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN ANY/ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WITT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I certify that I am physically fit, have sufficiently prepared or trained in this activity, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional. I certify that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in this activity.

I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by the WVFD. In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this activity, I hereby act for MY CHILD WHO IS ROSTERED AS AN EXPLORER ON THE WITT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

- (A) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities of persons released, from my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me including my traveling to and from this activity, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: THE WITT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF WITT.
- (B) INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of participation in this activity, whether caused by the negligence or release or otherwise.

I acknowledge that THE WVFD AND CITY OF WITT and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents are NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific activity on their behalf.

The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL

Parent/Guardian Name Date
(Please print legibly.)

Explorer's Name Age

Parent/Guardian Signature Date