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**NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE AUTHORIZED  
BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

AGENCY: Fire Commission

TITLE-SERIES: 87-12

RULE TYPE: Legislative Amendment to Existing Rule: Yes Repeal of existing rule: No

RULE NAME: Junior Firefighters

CITE STATUTORY AUTHORITY: W. Va. Code 15A-11-8

The above rule has been authorized by the West Virginia Legislature.

Authorization is cited in (house or senate bill number) HB 4141

Section 64-6-2(e) Passed On 3/9/2022 12:00:00 AM

This rule is filed with the Secretary of State. This rule becomes effective on the following date:

August 1, 2022

This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect from the following date:

August 01, 2027

**BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Yes

**Brandolyn N Felton-Ernest -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.**

**TITLE 87  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
STATE FIRE COMMISSION**

**SERIES 12  
JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS**

**§87-12-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes the parameters for Junior Firefighters responding to, and operating on a fire scene.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §15A-11-8.

1.3. Filing Date. -- May 5, 2022.

1.4. Effective Date. -- August 1, 2022.

1.5 Sunset Provision. -- This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect on August 1, 2027.

**§87-12-2. Child Labor Regulations.**

2.1. The Commission intends for the provisions of this rule to supplement, and not supersede, the regulations set forth in the Child Labor Rule, W. Va. Code R. §42-9-1.

**§87-12-3. Definitions.**

3.1. As used in this rule, the following terms shall mean:

3.1.a. Junior Firefighter - a person who is the age of 16 or 17 who is a member of a Fire Department.

3.1.b. Emergency Apparatus - Firefighting and response vehicles used by a Fire Department or by Fire Department Personnel, to respond to an emergency scene: Provided, That, a personal vehicle which has been issued an Emergency Vehicle Permit is only included in this definition if the lights and sirens are engaged, and the vehicle is responding to an emergency scene.

3.1.c. Non-member minor - Any Minor child under the age of 18 who is not a member of a Fire Department.

3.1.d. Firefighter One modules -- the activities trained during the modules of this class are attached as Appendix A and are incorporated into this rule.

**§87-12-4. Emergency Apparatus Responding to a Fire or Emergency Scene.**

4.1. Junior Firefighters who have not completed at a minimum Modules 1 and 2 of Fire Fighter 1, shall not travel on an emergency apparatus while the apparatus is traveling to or from a fire or an emergency scene.

4.2. Junior Firefighters who have completed at a minimum Modules 1 and 2 of Fire Fighter 1, may

travel on an emergency apparatus either while the apparatus is traveling to or from a fire or an emergency scene, or not traveling to a fire or emergency scene: *Provided*, That the Junior Firefighter is properly belted in and follows all safety procedures while traveling on the emergency apparatus.

**§ 87-12-5. First Aid at a fire or emergency scene.**

5.1. Junior Firefighters who have not completed Basic First Aid and CPR training, shall not be permitted to administer first aid at any time on an emergency or fire scene.

5.2. Junior Firefighters who have completed Basic First Aid and CPR training, may administer first aid at a fire or emergency scene: *Provided*, That the Junior Firefighter shall not do so inside the fire scene area, or in a building or structure until the emergency or fire has been declared under control by the official in charge. *Provided further*, That any Junior Firefighter administering first aid but be under the direct supervision of a certified fire fighter over the age of 18.

**§87-12-6. Other functions which may be performed by Junior Firefighters.**

6.1 Once a Junior Fire Fighter completes at a minimum any module of Firefighter One, or who has completed the Firefighter One training in full, the Junior Fire Fighter may perform any activities at a fire or emergency scene which they have completed training within modules one or two of Firefighter one, while under direct supervision of a certified firefighter over the age of 18. Under no circumstances may a Junior Firefighter perform any activities trained in modules three or four of Firefighter One at a fire or emergency scene.

**§ 87-12-7. Non-member minors; Minors under the age of 16.**

7.1. Non-member minor children, or any minor under the age of 16 may not participate in any activity provided for in this rule, but may ride on an emergency apparatus while it is not in service: *Provided*, That the minor child is properly belted in and follows all safety procedures while traveling on the emergency apparatus.

Appendix A

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Modular Firefighting Training Pilot Program

Tasks that can be performed at the end of each module:

Module 1

Wear structural firefighting gear Ride on a fire apparatus Answer station phone  
Talk on a two-way radio  
Deploy traffic and scene control devices Make hydrant and FDC connections  
Stretch hose lines (Exterior fire ground) Deploy Master streams  
Assist set up for drafting operations Clean and inspect hose Perform first aid and CPR  
Operate within the parameters of an Incident Command System  
Operate at the Awareness level at a Haz Mat incident -- Identify, Isolate and Notify.

Module 2

Use, inspect and clean SCBA Use Fire Extinguishers  
Hoist equipment and hose with rope Use hand tools  
Inspect, maintain, clean and deploy ladders Set up exterior illumination  
Operate exterior fire attack lines Operate at Wildland Fire Incidents Operate Master Streams

Module 3

Operate at the Haz Mat Operations level of a Haz Mat Incident

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Module 4

Interior fire attack Forcible Entry Search and Rescue  
Salvage and Overhaul Ventilation  
Operate as a member of RIT  
Climb and work from ladders  
Secure building utilities