

YOUTH EMS MEMBER POLICY

YAPHANK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rules and Regulations of the Youth Member

- 1) *A youth member will be defined as anyone between the ages of 16 and 18 years old. Upon a youth member's 18th birthday, they will become eligible for adult membership.*
- 2) *Youth members are always to conduct themselves in a proper and professional manner while on Fire District property or on Fire Department business.*
- 3) *Youth members shall respond to calls with a parent. They must drive according to the rules of the road. No Blue light is to be used unless the youth member is with a parent who is a member of the department, and that parent is driving.*
 - o *Youth members will be allowed to drive themselves, given, that they are at least 17 years old and possess a full license. A copy of their driver license must be submitted to the Chiefs office.*
- 4) *To ride on the ambulance, the youth member must be found physically fit by a physician. The youth member must obtain a physical from the Fire District physician.*
- 5) *At no time will a youth member take his or her phone out inside the ambulance on the way to a call, while on a call, or in route to the hospital with a patient. At no time will a youth member photograph any scene or patient. At no time will a youth member post on social media, anything related to a call, to include location and persons involved. Any violation of this rule may result in the immediate termination of the member*
- 6) *Youth members are expected to attend all department functions. This includes but is not limited to meetings, drills, fundraisers, etc.*
- 7) *Upon joining, a youth member will be considered a probationary member. As such, youth members are to make 45% of all functions. This includes but is not limited to calls, meetings, drills, etc. Youth members are only responsible for calls and functions that occur during the hours they are allowed to respond. Since they are youth members, they cannot vote in any department voting cycle and cannot collect LOSAP until they become adult members at the age of 18.*
- 8) *Rig checks are to be performed once a month with an EMS member or Officer assisting.*
- 9) *Youth members will be permitted at Fire Department headquarters between the*

hours of 8am and 10pm Sunday – Thursday and 8am and 11pm on Friday-Saturday unless authorized by a Chief or Officer when school is not in session. They must always be supervised by an adult fire department member.

- 10) Any injuries occurring during training or at a scene call are covered by Yaphank Fire District under the VFBL. Any injury, no matter how insignificant, must be reported to a member and then to an EMS officer or Chief as soon as practical for documentation.*
- 11) Youth members should coordinate with Parents or Adult Guardian to be picked up and dropped off for fire department functions. No Youth member will accept a ride from any other member of Yaphank Fire Department. Exceptions to this will only be made by a Chief/Officer with consent from a parent.*
- 12) The youth member shall complete a prescribed First Aid, CPR and OSHA training course when offered.*
- 13) Youth members must contact an Officer/Chief if they have any problems on an Ambulance call, at Headquarters or with any member or employee. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS ON YOUR OWN!! Disrespect will earn disciplinary action and/or dismissal.*
- 14) Youth members are permitted in the front passenger seat of the Ambulance. If there is a more senior member of the ambulance company present, the Youth member will sit in the back of the ambulance buckled in. At no time should a Youth member be in the driver's seat of any apparatus.*
- 15) Youth members will be suspended or dropped from the Department if it is found to be interfering in any way with their education. This will be established through Parent and/or School Officials.*
- 16) An active Youth member who is under school suspension will be suspended from the program. Additionally, no suspended member will be permitted on Fire Department property or at any Fire Department functions for the duration of the suspension.*
- 17) If available, youth members will be issued an Ems jacket and turnout pants. SHORTS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME WHILE ON AN AMBULANCE CALL...NO EXCEPTIONS! All issued items are to be returned immediately upon leaving the department. NO OPEN TOE SHOES SHALL BE WORN AT ANY TIME.*
- 18) While wearing the above Yaphank EMS turnout gear, you are displaying our company name, thereby reflecting the *integrity of this company. You may NOT wear any of the issued uniform outside of company approved functions. Any reported conduct that compromises the public trust
or
company integrity will be met with severe disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from*

the department.

- 19) *No Youth member is permitted use of the Headquarters Radio Room.*
- 20) *There will be NO SMOKING OF ANY KIND by any Youth member on Fire Department property.*
- 21) *Friends of Youth members will not be permitted to remain on fire department property, nor will they be permitted access to any building.*
- 22) *AT NO TIME is a youth member allowed to Tech a call by themselves. A Youth member may be an Aide and assist a certified EMT/Paramedic at the direction of the EMT/Paramedic.*
- 23) *All Youth members must follow and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Yaphank Fire Department as well as the By-Laws of the Yaphank Fire Department.*

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By signing below, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by Yaphank Fire Department for Youth membership.

YOUTH MEMBER NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Chairwoman Austin AYE
Commissioner Skidmore AYE
Commissioner Peters Jr. AYE
Commissioner Thebold AYE
Commissioner Schaaf AYE

Adopted at the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Yaphank Fire District on August 17, 2022.

Re-adopted this 7th day of January 2025 by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Revised and Re-adopted this 4th day of March 2025 by the board of Fire Commissioners.

Attest by:

Paulamarie Rosso-Thompson
District Secretary