

	Terryville Fire Department Chiefs Policies	
	<u>Subject</u> 17-Year-Old Member – Pilot Program	CP# 2-18 Initiated 7/1/2023
	<u>Authority</u> Chief of Department	Revised

A. PURPOSE

- To establish guidelines and procedures for applicants who are aged 17 and certified as a NYS Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), to join the Terryville Fire Department.

B. BACKGROUND

- On January 9, 2019, NYS adopted a change that reduced the minimum certification age for EMTs to age 17 (previously 18).
- Over the last 10 years the Terryville Fire Department has experienced a 65% increase in EMS call volume and a growing need to expand our pool of EMS applicants currently exists

C. GENERAL

- Members of the Junior Fire Company, who are interested in EMS, will be encouraged to enroll in an EMT course upon reaching 16 ½ years of age.

D. POLICY

- 17-year-old applicants who are certified as a NYS EMT may be considered for membership.
- All 17-year-old applicants must include a notarized parental consent form with their application.
- Qualified 17-year-old applicants may join the Terryville Fire Department in accordance with the Terryville Fire Department Bylaws and upon approval of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
- Members shall participate in drills and trainings as specified in Chiefs Policies #2-10 (Drill & Training Requirements) and #2-16 (EMS Squad).
 - Alarm response will be completed solely through the performance of In-House EMS Standbys.
 - If member is attending high school, they will be limited to the following In-House Standby shifts while school is in session:

- Monday – Friday: 1500-1900 hrs., 1900-2300 hrs.
 - Saturday & Sunday: 0700-1100 hrs., 1100-1500 hrs., 1500-1900 hrs., 1900-2300 hrs.
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- If a member has graduated high school or during periods when high school is not in session, any designated standby shift between the hours of 0700-2300 is permitted.
 - Members wanting to complete an In-House Standby must pre-coordinate with and be accompanied by a designated district medic or EMS Squad member.
 - Medics and EMS Squad members that can accompany the 17-year-old members will be designated by either the District EMS Supervisor or the Chiefs Office.
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- Members shall not be issued a pager and will not be permitted to respond to the station for alarms.
 - Members will not be granted blue light privileges.