



**VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**MEETING DATE:** SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM SECTION:** DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION ITEMS

**AGENDA ITEM NO. :** 1

**DEPARTMENT:** FIRE DEPARTMENT

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**DISCUSSION:** TO CONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION:** CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

**ITEM BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. DRAFT RESOLUTION
2. MEMO DATED 8/30/2022 FROM MR. JOSEPH GIULIANO/ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF TO MAYOR ROSSILLO AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AUTHORIZING THE DOBBS FERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO START A JUNIOR  
FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Dobbs Ferry Fire Department, is always looking to recruit new members;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Dobbs Ferry Fire Department, believes that by starting a Junior Firefighter program will help increase our volunteer base; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dobbs Ferry Fire Department Junior Firefighter program will be under the supervision of the Fire Chief's Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dobbs Ferry, authorizes the Dobbs Ferry Fire Department to start a Junior Firefighter Program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all members of the Village of Dobbs Ferry Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program will be insured by the Village of Dobbs Ferry, while acting in their capacity as a Junior Firefighters for the Dobbs Ferry Fire Department.

# ***Dobbs Ferry Fire Department***

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***Resolute Hook & Ladder Company #1***

To: Mayor Vincent Rossillo and Board of Trustees

CC: Melissa Ferraro, Village Administrator  
Elizabeth Dreaper, Village Clerk

From: Joseph Giuliano, Assistant Fire Chief

Subject: Authorize the Dobbs Ferry Fire Department to start a Junior Firefighter Program

Date: August 30, 2022

As you are all aware, the Dobbs Ferry Fire Department has been looking for new ways to recruit and retain new people to help sustain our ranks and active membership of our volunteer department. We have done recruitment events, mailings, and set up stands at community events.

While these ways of recruiting have brought in a few members, we feel that by starting up a Fire Department run junior program, that this gives us our best option to draw the youth of the community into the fire service. These young people who sign up will be between the ages of 16-18 and will be able to start training, that way when they are done with the program they will be certified interior structural firefighters.

Other communities have had, and or are starting Junior Firefighter programs now. Hastings and Ardsley Fire Departments have had success with this program, and Irvington Fire Department is in the process of starting their program.

In starting this Junior Firefighter Program, we ask the Village to authorize the Village to include these Junior Firefighters under the Village's Insurance coverage. These Junior Firefighters will fall under the same category of insurance coverage as camp counselors or lifeguards who are employed by the Village as part-time employees, with the exception that Junior Firefighters will not be paid as a volunteer with the Fire Department. Providing this coverage insures the Village against any conduct or actions related to these positions.

We hope that this program will be successful, and that it will help increase the number of personal in the Fire Department. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.