



# Jessup Hose Co. No. 2

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## Ambulance Association

333 Hill St., Jessup, PA 18434

– Emergency 911 – Hose Company Building 489-1141 –



2009

Dear Prospective Member:

Attached to this cover letter is the application form for membership in Jessup Hose Company Number 2 which you have requested. The application (pages 4 through 7) must be filled out in its entirety (page #7 refers to Junior Firefighters only) and returned to the Chair of the Membership Committee or any Membership Committee member two weeks prior to the Hose Company meeting night which is the third Monday of the month. You should keep this cover letter and the first two pages of the application for your records.

As part of the process the Committee will require a background check be completed by the Pennsylvania State Police. Directions to obtain a background check are included at the end of the application. The Hose Company Application **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW WITHOUT A RESPONSE** from the State Police being attached. An investigation by members of the committee, the Borough Police Department and other entities may also be done. Please read the waiver included with the packet and sign it to show concurrence. Failure to complete the waiver will result in a rejection of the application.

Upon receipt of the completed application the Chair of the Committee will call for a meeting of the Committee. You will be notified of the time for the meeting at which time you will be interviewed. At that time the Committee will formulate a recommendation which will be given to the body for action at the regular meeting. Action by the body may include any or all of the following: Approval with one year probation, Approval with a lesser term of probation (for instance on transfers) or Approval with no probation, Tabling for further review, or Rejection.

As a member of Jessup Hose Company Number Two you will be afforded the rights and privileges of the Company which include participation in emergency responses, use of Company facilities, joining the softball or golf teams, etc. You will also have responsibilities to fulfill which may include the mandatory sale of fund raising tickets (chicken barbecue, lottery, etc.), working at the various fund-raisers held by the Company (carnival, dinners, etc.) and training sessions.

If you should have any questions about the Company, please feel free to stop and talk to any members. If you have none and agree with the above please complete the attached application. We will be happy to review it.

The Officers and Members of Jessup  
Hose Company Number Two

### **MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS ATTACHMENT\***

Membership shall be open to any legal resident of Jessup Borough, or any person living within a six (6) mile radius of the Borough limits, regardless of that person's race, religion, creed, sex, nation of origin, handicap or physical condition. (*\*Note: all designations are presently under review*)

You may apply for membership in one of the following three classifications:

**Active Firefighter-** this class of membership is for those persons who desire to actively undertake emergency functions such as, but not limited to fire fighting, rescue, etc. and will a) within three (3) years of acceptance attend and complete a certified basic firefighter training program, 2) within the probationary year attend 75% of in-house training, and 3) within the probationary year receive CPR certification and keep said certification current; such persons shall be at least seventeen (17) years of age (see P.L. 286, No. 177 for exceptions) and of good moral character; said person shall not belong to any other fire company within the six mile limit above or have been expelled from such an organization without a valid reason; if accepted for membership said person shall serve a one (1) year probation during which time said person shall not have voting rights within the corporation, unless he has served three (3) years in good standing as a junior firefighter.

**Reserve Firefighter-** this class of membership is for those persons wishing to assist the company in activities not directly related to the provision of emergency response. Said persons shall be at least seventeen (17) years of age and of good moral character; said person shall not belong to any other fire company within the six mile limit above or have been expelled from such an organization without a valid reason and shall not be required to undertake any emergency training and therefore will not receive any fire fighting protective equipment. Said person may respond to an emergency scene and assist in non-hazardous duty and will, upon making a request to the officer in charge, be recorded in the company attendance log. If accepted for membership said person shall serve a one (1) year probation during which time said person shall not have voting rights within the corporation, unless he has served three (3) years in good standing as a junior firefighter.

**Junior Firefighter -** must be at least twelve (12) years of age but not more than seventeen (17) years of age and meet the other requirements of active firefighter status.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

I. Minors Under 16 Under The Child Labor Laws

Junior volunteer firefighters under 16 are restricted by law to the following activities:

1. first-aid.
2. clean-up service at the scene of a fire, but only outside of the structure and only after the fire has been declared under control by the fire official in charge.
3. providing coffee wagon and food services.
4. engaging in training.

Junior firefighters under 16 are specifically prohibited by law from the following:

1. operating an aerial ladder, or platform, or a hydraulic jack.
2. using rubber electrical gloves, insulated wire gloves, insulated wire cutters, life nets or acetylene cutting units.
3. operating the pumps of any fire vehicle at the scene of a fire.
4. driving a fire truck, ambulance or other official fire vehicle.
5. entering a burning structure.
6. operating high-pressure hose lines except during training.
7. ascending ladders except during training.

Junior firefighters under 16 are prohibited from engaging in fire company activities while school is in session and between 7 P.M. and 7 A.M. (10 P.M. and 7 A.M. during school summer vacation). Junior firefighters under 16 may, however, attend firefighting classes as part of a training program even after 7 P.M. during the school year.

II. 16- and 17-Year-Old Minors

16- and 17-year-old minors who have completed a fire training course (such as one given at a county fire school) may participate in firefighting activities if they are under the direct supervision of the fire chief or an experienced line officer.

16- and 17-year-old junior firefighters are still prohibited however, from any of the following activities by law:

1. operating an aerial ladder, or platform, or a hydraulic jack.
2. using rubber electrical gloves, insulated wire gloves, insulated wire cutters, life nets or acetylene cutting torches.
3. operating the pumps of any fire vehicle at the scene of a fire.
4. driving a fire truck, ambulance or any other official fire vehicle.
5. entering a burning structure.

16- and 17-year-olds are normally prohibited from serving as firefighters between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 A.M. (1 A.M. and 6 A.M. on Friday and Saturday nights and during school term vacations, but no night restriction during summer vacations). 16- and 17-year-old firefighters who answer a fire call before the 12 or 1 o'clock deadline may continue to respond to that call past that deadline. Such volunteers may not answer any new calls after 12 or 1 o'clock.

III. Employment Certificates

All junior firefighters must obtain an employment certificate in order to participate as members of a volunteer fire company. Such certificates may be obtained through the junior firefighters' local school district.

IV. High School Graduates

Individuals 17 or over who have graduated from high school are no longer considered minors under the Child Labor Law. Therefore, 17-year-old junior firefighters who are high school graduates are not subject to any of the above restrictions. This exemption also applies to those 17-year-olds who have been declared by the chief school administrator to have achieved their academic potential.

V. Workers' Compensation

Minor volunteer firefighters are eligible for workers' compensation if injured while actively engaged as firefighters or while going to or returning from a fire. However, in the case of fund-raising events, junior firefighters are only eligible for workers' compensation if the local municipality specifically authorized them, through an ordinance, to engage in fund-raising activities.

It should be noted by all prospective applicants that no matter which category is chosen, they shall be responsible for participation in all fund raisers conducted by the company, including but not limited to the sale of all assessed tickets, working at dinners, carnival, etc.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Active Firefighter  
(See attachment and \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve Firefighter  
choose one) \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Firefighter\*

### General Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Borough/Township: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Previous Fire Department/EMS Affiliations

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Transfer letter attached: Y or N

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\_\_\_\_\_ Transfer letter attached: Y or N

(List Fire Department/EMS courses taken and include copies of certificates with application)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### Medical History

*The applicant may opt not to complete this section; however a yes answer does not preclude the applicant from membership in the fire company  
(please answer "yes" or "no")*

High/Low Blood Pressure \_\_\_\_\_ Epilepsy \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Problems \_\_\_\_\_

Respiratory Conditions \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_

Any other important medical history \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Operator's Information**

Operator's Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had your operator's license: Suspended: \_\_\_\_ Revoked: \_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of any traffic violations? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

(If yes, explain; use additional paper if needed)

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**Other Data**

Have you ever been convicted of any crimes (misdemeanor or felony) exclusive of traffic violations: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

(If yes, explain; use additional paper if needed)

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Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above information and statements are true and correct- Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*This application must be submitted with a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check by the applicant or the application will not be accepted.*

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Membership committee: Date of Committee Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Company Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*\* An application for Junior Firefighter will include the Parental Permission Form and on the membership form substitute school attending for employer information and grade level for occupation. Revised 2009*

**PRIVACY AUTHORIZATION AND WAIVER**

I hereby authorize the release by any person, corporation, organization, agency or law enforcement agency, of any and all information requested, to Jessup Hose Company Number 2, the Jessup Police Department or to any person or agency designated by Jessup Hose Company Number 2. I further release the provider of such information from any and all liability whatsoever for providing said information.

I am of the total understanding that all records of convictions or other information, if any, relative to my application for membership that are received through this background investigation will be provided to the Membership and Executive Committees. Additionally, the information will be provided to the voting membership prior to the vote being cast to accept or deny my application for membership.

With my signature below I waive my rights I may have to limit or prohibit said dissemination, and release all parties involved from any liability whatsoever for any actions or inaction in the release and dissemination of the information.

I further understand and acknowledge that I will be notified in writing of any information of a criminal history that will be presented and that I may, if I so choose, comment in writing on the criminal history information to the Membership Committee.

By affixing my signature below, I do hereby waive all my rights under the privacy act relative to this background investigation. This authorization is signed freely and voluntarily and without duress.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Full Name)                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*\*\*\*\*For  
Company Use  
PSP Records check attached: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
Result: No record found \_\_\_\_\_ Criminal record found \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM**

(Junior Firefighter Only)

I/we, the Parents/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby acknowledge that we have given permission for our son/daughter to fully participate in all activities of Jessup Hose Company Number 2 as allowed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Constitution of Jessup Hose Company Number 2. We are also aware that while participating in any fire company activity our son/daughter is covered by insurance through Jessup Borough's Workman's Compensation Policy. We further understand that prior to participation in any activity our son/daughter will be fully trained by an appropriate fire company instructor to undertake such activity and will be supervised by a fire company officer during the activity. Finally, we grant permission for our son/daughter to ride in any fire department vehicle.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Directions for Online Criminal Background Check**

1. To obtain a Pennsylvania State Police Background Check Online, visit the State Police website at:

[www.psp.state.pa.us](http://www.psp.state.pa.us)

2. Locate the “Criminal History Request Online” link located under **PSP Services**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions from there.

NOTE: You will need a credit card to complete the online check. Background Check Fee is \$10.