

**BELLMORE VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

CADET FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We hope the following will answer any of your questions that were not answered in *Cadets New Member Booklet*.

SUPERVISION

Cadet Firefighters interact with Firefighters, Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Paramedics and Police Officers and gain experience in a firehouse environment. The programs Advisors offer students advice on the skills, responsibilities and educational requirements for fire and emergency services careers. The Cadet Manager, Cadet Lead, and the advisors are all trained firefighters and/or EMRs at a minimum.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CADET

Drop off:

- Please make sure that an advisor or member is present before dropping off your cadet. The cadets are not to be on firehouse property without an advisor or member present.
- Please let an advisor know if someone other than a parent is picking up your cadet.

Picking up:

- **Please make sure to pick up your cadet on time!** This goes for any function, whether it's training, fundraiser, or public service activity.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please update your emergency contact and medical information whenever changes occur.

PARENTAL HELP

Any time that you can help at a function is greatly appreciated, even if it is only for an hour or so. We would like to have as many parents involved as possible. It is a great way to interact with your cadet and their peers. If a parent stays, siblings are welcome to attend. You do not need to contact anyone or sign up to help at a function; just show up...the help is always needed and appreciated.

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers are an important part of the Cadet program. Without them we would not be able to do all that we do. The money that the Cadets help raise goes towards the annual banquet, summer picnic, holiday party and special activities, purchasing gear and uniforms, costs associated with field trips, overnight stays, parades, and the upkeep for apparatus.

The following are some of our regular fundraisers:

Adult Easter Egg Hunt (Around Easter)

Pork Chop Dinner (4th of July Weekend)

Raccoon Lake Fireworks (4th of July Weekend)

Golf Scramble (usually in August)

Chicken Dinner (Labor Day Weekend)

PARENT MEETINGS

Parent meetings are held on a Wednesday evening every quarter at 7:00 pm in the community meeting area. The date for the Parent meeting will be announced in advance. This is a good way for the parents to ask questions and offer opinions about the cadet program and to find out what's coming up with the Cadets.

CADETS UNIFORM

The following is supplied by the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department (As funds become available):

- T-shirt (2)
- Polo shirt (1)
- EMS Pants (1)

The following are optional items that can be purchased from the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department:

- Additional t-shirts
- Additional Polos
- Sweatshirts
- Jackets
- Ball cap

BECOME A MEMBER

Parents can also join the Bellmore Volunteer Fire Department as an Associate (support), Active, or Out-of-District member.

Associate Member - member who is not trained in fire, rescue, or EMS; helps at fundraisers, committees and other functions. For more information contact a Cadet advisor.

Active Member - member who will be trained in fire, rescue and/or EMS; helps at fundraisers, committees and other functions. For more information contact a Cadet advisor.

Out-of-District Member - member who will be trained in fire, rescue and/or EMS; helps at fundraisers, committees and other functions. For more information contact a Cadet advisor.