



# ***Suffolk County Fire Academy***



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The Suffolk County Fire Academy is discussing the possibility of hosting a New York State Basic Exterior Fire Operations (BEFO) course exclusively to members of fire department junior/youth/explorer programs. The idea is to provide up-and-coming members of our departments with an early start in the training that will be necessary for them to become contributing members to the fire service and their departments. Prospective students must be active members of a fire department junior/youth/explorer program, will require sponsorship by their department, as well as parent/guardian authorization. Students must be 16 ½ years old by the start of the course. The BEFO course will consist primarily of lecture-based, classroom delivery. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive New York State certification in Basic Exterior Fire Operations. Those who are interested will have the opportunity to progress to an accelerated Interior Fire Operations (Firefighter I) program where they will only be required to complete a limited amount of course work, all the hands-on training (HOT), and the final practical skills and written exam. Upon successful completion of these, students will receive New York State certification in Interior Fire Operations (Firefighter I). Please note, however, this must be completed within 18 months of receiving the BEFO certification.

This correspondence is to gather information that will be required to enroll interested students. Tentatively, the course is scheduled to start at the end of August 2024 at the North Patchogue Fire Department. Please complete the form below for each junior/youth/explorer program member of your department who meets the requirements, and would like to take the course, and return it to Assistant Chief Andrew Dinkel via email.

Thank you,

Assistant Chief Andrew Dinkel  
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**Suffolk County Fire Academy Junior/Youth/Explorer  
Basic Exterior Fire Operations Program**

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Information:**

**Name** - \_\_\_\_\_

**D.O.B.** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Age As of July 1, 2024** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Department Contact (Should be the person responsible for administering the junior/youth/explorer program):**

**Name** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Authorization:**

**Signature** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Print** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Authorization:**

**Signature** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Print** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** - \_\_\_\_\_