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Cobleskill Rescue Squad Junior Membership Program

Informational Packet

For

Potential Members and Parents

Potential New Member,

As the EMS Captain of the Cobleskill Rescue Squad, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Junior Membership Program. It is our goal and mission to serve the communities in our district with the most professional 9-1-1 ambulance service possible, and also to commit to multiple programs to assist our residents by providing them awareness in health education and wellness. It is also part of our mission to link community support and volunteerism to our non-profits. We recruit volunteers from all walks of life and it is important to begin with you--the young adults of the community.

In the past, we have had several explorers who have had confirmed their interest in Emergency Medical Services and have gone on to have a career as an Emergency Medical Technician or as a Paramedic. I honestly believe that as an active participant in this program, you are the future of EMS and will come to know the benefits of volunteering. In doing so, you become a hero of tomorrow.

When people do not know where to turn for help, quite often their response is to call the local EMS agency. We are a direct connection to the community and they expect us to fix their emergency, or to at least make things better for them. Therefore, those that volunteer as EMT's or enter the career as a Paramedic are held in high esteem by many people. As a member of our Junior Membership Program, people will look to you as a representative of Cobleskill Rescue Squad and our good will. Therefore, it is important to follow the code of conduct and to be courteous and respectful to all, especially when wearing our uniform.

As a new member of the Junior Membership Program, you will be required to participate in trainings, meetings, drills, fundraising events and station projects. You can actually participate in ambulance responses under the supervision of EMTs and Paramedics. There are also many other activities and opportunities available to you that I hope you will take advantage of.

As the EMS Captain of this department, I take a great deal of pride in what our organization does and our commitment to professionalism and life-saving patient care. I would expect you to feel the same. If you do decide to become Junior Member; strive for excellence; be the best that you can; be proud of what you are doing it for; promote agency pride by example; and most of all have fun and be safe. Again from myself, my staff, and the entire Cobleskill Rescue Squad organization, I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Michael Lent EMT
Cobleskill Rescue Squad EMS Captain

Frequently Asked Questions about Cobleskill Rescue Squad's Junior Membership Program

Some answers to questions asked most often by prospective Junior Members...

Q: How old do I have to be to participate in the Junior Membership Program?

A: We accept members at 14 years of age. This is the age that New York State agrees that a teen can begin working for a wage, and are mature enough to begin training programs such as CPR and First Aid, but also work in a team setting and in the chain of command setting.

Q: What activities do you have in this program?

A: New members go through training and orientation and when qualified can participate with a crew on the ambulances, being supervised by EMT's and Paramedics. We also hold fundraising events, public service projects, and assist with EMS activities such as the EMS Bike Team. Members also participate in field trips, attend EMS conferences, and go on camping and canoeing expeditions and a host of other activities with other non-profit agencies.

Q: Do we get uniforms like the Paramedics?

A: Yes. Every Junior Member is issued a uniform

Q: Do we get to participate in parades?

A: Yes. Parades are usually held in the summer months. Junior Members either participate in the parade or assist with EMS Bike Team operations with Junior Membership Advisors. Junior Members **MUST** have a uniform issued to them before they are able to participate in a parade.

Q: How will I find out about different events taking place?

A: Events are announced at trainings, meetings, e-mails and agency wide text messaging. You may also be contacted by an EMS Junior Advisor in charge of the Junior Program (especially if there is a change or short notice).

Q: What is the cost of the program?

A: All training, participation, uniforms, and most activities are free to members completing orientation and becoming a Junior Member in good standing. We may however, request parental participation for the cost of certain field trips, conference attendance or other specialty events for Juniors that are beyond the means of Cobleskill Rescue Squad.

Q: When can I start riding the ambulances and perform emergency medical Services?

A: New members go through extensive training and orientation and when cleared by the EMS Captain, you can participate with a crew on the ambulances but are supervised by EMT's and Paramedics.

Q: If I have questions or problems, who do I talk to?

A: The Junior Membership program is headed up by a Junior Advisor, but all Cobleskill Rescue Squad's EMT's, Paramedics and officers are available to answer questions and to assist you. The entire Cobleskill Rescue Squad's team will help you with any questions, and any problems or conflicts. We are here to make your experience as a Junior Member successful and FUN.

Q: Do I have to participate in trainings and other events?

A: YES! The goals of the junior program can not be met for an individual who does not participate in the trainings or other events. A lack of participation may result in inappropriate team concepts and a poor link in the chain of command. Individuals who do not participate regularly in Junior Membership Program activities without notifying an Advisor may be dropped from the program.

Information for Parents

We hope some of the questions and answers for potential new juniors have helped answer some of your questions, but the following will answer many of the concerns that we typically hear from parents/guardians. You may certainly call our station and talk with the EMS Captain at 518-528-9293.

SUPERVISION

Cobleskill Rescue Squad is manned by volunteers 24/7/365 by EMT's, Paramedics, drivers and other support personnel. Cobleskill Rescue Squad has a paramilitary command structure, having an EMS Captain, 2 Lieutenants as leaders supervising personnel in a multitude of operational roles each and every day. Junior Members interact with Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics and gain experience in an EMS station environment. Supervision is imbedded in our structure as well as accountability to our community. The Junior Membership Program has Advisors that offer students advice on the skills, responsibilities and educational requirements for emergency medical services or other allied professional careers. Training of all types is done by New York State Certified Instructors in EMS, and Junior Members are not allowed in an emergency setting until the advisors are confident that they are trained, mature and competent enough to assist ambulance crew members safely and effectively.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

Drop off:

- Please make sure that a member Cobleskill Rescue Squad is present before dropping off your child or have your child acknowledge the same before leaving. It is possible that all personnel are out on emergency runs and the station is empty.
- Please let an advisor or Cobleskill Rescue Squad member know if someone other than a parent is to be picking up your child.

Picking up:

- **Please make sure to pick up your child on time!** This goes for any function, whether it's training, fundraiser or public service activity. We prefer to have your child call and acknowledge they are ready.

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 with our Junior Membership Program. It is a great way to interact with your child and their friends. Most of the help that is needed from parents is needed at fundraisers, or as chaperones for field trips, camping trips or trips to theme parks. Parental assistance would come by message from you child but we may contact you depending on what the function may be. Your help is always needed and appreciated.

FUNDRAISERS

Fundraisers are an important part of the Junior Membership Program. Without them, we would not be able to do all the activities that we do. The money that the Junior Membership Program raises generally goes toward costs associated with field trips, EMS conferences or special activities planned by the Membership.

If you have an idea—or connections to help with—an idea for a fundraiser, please let us know!

JUNIOR MEETINGS (Parents)

When Junior Program Meetings are held, we encourage parents and/or guardians to attend with their child. The dates and time for these meeting are set by the EMS Junior Advisor in conjunction with the Junior Members. This is a good way for the parents to ask questions and offer opinions about the Junior Membership Program and to find out what's coming up.

PARADES

Another function that is popular with the junior members is parades. We either participate in the parade with TI-Rescue equipment or make a float to be in the parade. Parents who would like to participate in walking with the junior members or assisting with preparations prior to parades are most welcome. Certain parades have participants marching and usually the parades are judged, so our Junior Members have an opportunity to win an award as a group.

JUNIORS UNIFORMS

The following uniform items are supplied during orientation by Cobleskill Rescue Squad:

- T-shirt (for trainings/other functions)
- Turn out Pants and Jacket
- Picture ID Badge bar (given at annual banquet)

The following are uniform items are preferred and we request the parents consider assistance in obtaining for Junior Members:

- Sturdy Black boots

PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS

The Junior Members help out at several community functions through the year:

- FAM RUN
- Schoharie County Sunshine Fair
- CROP WALK

BECOME A MEMBER

Parents can also join the Cobleskill Rescue Squad as member who can be trained as an ambulance driver, first responder or EMT if they wish, and help at fundraisers, committees and other functions.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Lent, EMS Captain, at 518-528-9293

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP RANKS GROWING.

Cobleskill NY -- Cobleskill Rescue Squad has established an Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Junior Membership Program. The Junior Membership Program is open to youths aged 14 to 18 years of age that have completed 8th grade. This program is designed to teach safety and basic skills required for careers in emergency medical services or other allied medical professions. Junior Members are always in a structured, supervised environment. New members go through training and orientation and can participate with a crew on ambulance calls supervised by EMT's and Paramedics. We also hold fundraising events, public service projects, assist with EMS activities and the EMS Bike Team, participate in field trips and conferences, go on camping expeditions, and participate in parades and a host of other activities with other non-profit agencies.

Cobleskill Rescue Squad is always seeking new participants for the Junior Membership Program. If you are a teen, or parents of a teen, between the ages of 14 and 18 would like to get more information on the Junior Membership Program, please call Cobleskill Rescue Squad at 234-2424 and talk to a member of the Rescue Squad, or send us an email @ cobycaptain@cobleskillrescuesquad.com

Press Release

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Cobleskill Rescue Squad Junior Membership Program Operating Procedures

Cobleskill Rescue Squad and Junior Program History

Cobleskill Rescue Squad Inc. was established in 2011. Formerly, we were Cobleskill Fire Dept. Rescue Squad. Cobleskill Rescue Squad is the primary 911 ambulance service provider for the Village of Cobleskill, Towns of Cobleskill, Seward, part of Richmondville, Carlisle, Fulton, in the northern region of Schoharie County, New York. Our response district is 60 Square miles of mostly rural terrain we are 100% volunteer Paramedics, Critical Care Techs, EMT's and drivers. Cobleskill Rescue is a non-profit 501c3 corporation. Our commitment to community service and initiating programs in public safety and health awareness and our assistance to neighboring towns

We were very proud to establish and begin our Junior Membership Program in 2011, and we have had very great success in offering young adults in our area the ability to volunteer to assist our agency, but to also give our participants in our program the opportunity to learn more about health related careers, obtain hands-on training in CPR, first aid and ambulance operations, and to share opportunities with other youths through activities to assist their communities in a non-profit setting.

Mission and Values

The *Cobleskill Rescue Squad* and its *Junior Membership Program* work in cooperation to **Educate, Protect and Serve** the youth of the Village and Town of Cobleskill and surrounding communities in the northern region of Schoharie County.

The following statements are upheld by Cobleskill Rescue Squad:

MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain a safe environment for youth to gather within the community to learn about many aspects of Emergency Medical Services and to provide guidance for avenues for positive social interaction, the value of volunteerism, for youth within our communities.

VISION

Cobleskill Rescue Squad will be a model for EMS agencies with Junior EMS youth programs. We will introduce the young community to Emergency Medical Services and to provide a safe environment for social activities for youth within our communities.

CORE VALUES

Recognizing the dedication and skill and value of all members, we will create and maintain an environment of individual safety, well-being and trust. We are guided by:

Service to Others, Team Work, Compassion, Integrity, Safety, Honesty, Accountability, Professionalism, Respect and Diversity.

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

Cobleskill Rescue Squad takes very seriously its mission of providing lifesaving emergency care to the communities that we serve. Our Junior Membership Program demonstrates commitment to our community through:

- Providing an opportunity for youth to serve the community.
- Respectful and courteous treatment of all people.
- Accountability for our actions.
- Open honest communications.
- Educating the community in health awareness and disease prevention.
- Providing a safe environment for youth activity within the community.

Code of Conduct

As a member of the Junior Membership Program, you are expected and required to:

- Abide by all of the Standard Operating Procedures and all other rules and regulations of Cobleskill Rescue Squad, as well as those of the Junior Membership Program.
- Conduct yourself in a professional and courteous manner that will reflect well upon you and the entire department, especially when in uniform.
- Demonstrate honesty, fairness and integrity.
- Treat all people with courtesy and respect.
- Recognize the value and worth of each individual.
- Refrain from using foul language while in uniform, at the station, and while participating in department functions.
- Work as a team with others.
- Participate in training, meetings, and fundraisers.
- Obey the chain of command.
- Immediately report any problems to an Advisor or person in charge (if assigned).

Introduction

Upon learning and completing CPR, First Aid and Cobleskill Rescue Squad's orientation programs, Junior members are issued a shirt and can begin to assisting on emergency calls under the direction of EMT's and Paramedics. Junior members are expected to respond to those types of emergency calls under the supervision of the Junior Advisors. The jobs that junior members do often free up EMT's and Paramedics to perform other crucial tasks. Junior members will learn on the job while "on duty". All the training, uniforms and personal protective equipment are provided at no cost, but we do ask parents for assistance in activities as conferences, trips, EMS Camp, or fundraisers if they are financially capable.

It is never the intention to place any junior member in harm's way but any EMS call or operation can be a dangerous job. Cobleskill Rescue Squad volunteers are also trained to supervise juniors and have them "step aside" in stressful situations or in difficult patient care activities.

Strict laws exist to protect minors from the most hazardous dangers. For example, junior members will never enter a "hot zone" at a major vehicle accident or respond to a weapons type call. Cobleskill Rescue Squad takes safety very seriously and will not tolerate horseplay during training or real emergencies. It must also be recognized that during emergency conditions, a junior member might be asked to complete a task but only after they have been trained in doing such a task. A junior member must also take personal responsibility to alert the staff and crews when they feel they are overwhelmed or may NOT want to do a certain task when requested.

Junior Membership Requirements

The requirements to be a Junior Member at Cobleskill Rescue Squad are as follows:

Junior members must be at least 14 years old but not older than 18 years old and have completed 8th grade. At Cobleskill Rescue Squad, a regular member of the organization can join at 18. A junior member would essentially transition into regular membership at 18. They must be able to follow directions under stressful conditions. They should be in good physical condition to perform essential EMS tasks to assist EMT's or Paramedics on emergency or non-emergency calls. Junior members should be willing and able to attend at least 50% of scheduled meetings and required training. Special trainings are optional but highly encouraged. Junior members must maintain a 75% average or higher in their schoolwork to remain active.

Junior members have to adhere to these guidelines, but will be also trained and become knowledgeable in Cobleskill Rescue Squad's Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's.) Junior members need to be self-starters and willing to learn. Junior members who regularly strive to learn more and be involved will be rewarded with increasing levels of responsibility and opportunities. Junior members who do not contribute to the agency will be removed from active status to allow other juniors the opportunity to participate.

Rules and Regulations

1. The regular on-duty Paramedics, EMT's and drivers will directly supervise the Juniors. During certain emergencies or agency activities, an EMT advisor will supervise Junior members. Within the ranks of the junior membership, leadership roles will be elected annually.
2. The Junior members shall abide by all federal, state and departmental rules and regulations.
3. All applicants to the Junior Membership Program shall meet the minimum standards and must provide at least 2 references which will be checked prior to initial interview.
4. Junior membership applications are screened by the membership committee. After the initial interview by the membership committee, the applicant will be voted in as a probationary junior member in good standing. The junior member applicant will enter the orientation phase.
5. Junior members should attend Junior Membership meetings which will be at 6:15 prior to the squad monthly meeting.
6. Cobleskill Rescue Squad has established a limit of 15 junior membership positions at one time. If more applications are received; candidates will be evaluated in order in which the applications were received and positions filled as others leave or transition into general membership within the agency.
7. Dependents of active EMS agency personnel are automatically accepted regardless of the total number of junior members currently on hand.
8. All Junior members must complete the Cobleskill Rescue Squad Orientation Program. This orientation includes adherence to Cobleskill Rescue Squad's Standard Operating Guidelines, facility policies, vehicle orientation, command structure and OSHA or NYS DOH regulations.
9. All Cobleskill Rescue Squad members recognize rules and regulations that govern minors and their safety. Junior members are not permitted to participate in activities that are prohibited. Junior members must recognize when they have been asked to perform something not appropriate and will report this to the requesting EMT or Paramedic or an EMS officer.
10. Junior members should not be at the station unsupervised, and in the event of a situation in which they may be, the junior should confine themselves to the Social Room within the station.
11. Junior members and their immediate family may use the station meeting room by request and approval of the EMS Captain or President. DO NOT bring your friends to hang around the station. On occasion, a small group is permitted with the approval of your Junior Coordinator. Contingencies within agency SOG's allow for "guests" and "riders" when approved.

12. Any injuries occurring during training or at a scene call are covered by Village Of Cobleskill Worker's Compensation. Any injury, no matter how insignificant, must be reported to a crew member and then to an EMS officer as soon as practical for documentation.

13. Alcohol beverages are **NOT** allowed on Village property or functions at any time.

14. Do not respond to calls or come to the station if you are sick or under the influence of medication, drugs or alcohol, or were absent from school.

HOURS OF OPERATIONS FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS (ON DUTY HOURS)

1. All hours for "on duty" time as a junior member may vary based on parental or guardian approval but must follow the following guidelines:

2. A Junior member **can be** "signed in "on duty" for 40 hours per week during school breaks.

DRIVING OF PERSONAL VEHICLES

1. Only members that are at least 16 years old and have a valid NYS driver's license may drive personal vehicles to the station.

2. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE JUNIORS TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE SCENE! Junior members are not allowed to drive to a call in any circumstance. If multiple EMS calls are coming in, junior members should drive to the station to assist with an oncoming crew accordingly.

3 UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES is a Junior member permitted to use colored lights, hazard lights, honk horn or use any other warning device while enroute to the station.

4. If all ambulances have responded prior to your arrival, you must stand-by at the station and wait until the vehicles return from the call to assist in clean-up or restocking. Junior members are NOT permitted to respond with any other agency or back-up mutual aid EMS agency.

5. All speed limits and traffic laws are to be strictly followed while responding to the station.

6. Cobleskill Rescue Squad is in no way responsible or liable for any moving violations or accidents while enroute to or from the station for a call or training in personal vehicles.

7. Failure to abide by these rules will result in a suspension of at least 30 days and possible expulsion from the Junior Membership Program.

RESPONDING TO CALLS ON AN AMBULANCE

1. Junior Members must complete the Cobleskill Rescue Squad orientation process, and have completed a CPR course and First Aid training (1ST AVAILABLE COURSE) prior to being able to respond with the ambulance crew.
2. The Junior member must be scheduled, be in appropriately dressed, and be signed in "on duty" to respond.
3. Prior to getting out of the ambulance, the junior member must have proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on, e.g. gloves or other biohazard equipment as instructed. Junior members must obey the directions of the on duty crew, fire department officials, or law enforcement official if they are told to stay in the vehicle due to danger or uncertainty about the level of danger at the scene.
4. When riding any ambulance or vehicle of Cobleskill Rescue Squad, the Junior Member shall position themselves in a **seat with a seat belt in place and securely fastened** while enroute to a call or enroute from the hospital to station.
5. When riding in an ambulance enroute to the hospital, if possible, and not involved in patient care procedures, the junior member shall position themselves in a **seat with a seatbelt securely fastened**. It is required that a Junior NOT stand up in the ambulance while the ambulance is moving.
6. At the scene of an emergency call the Junior Member will obey all instructions given by the Paramedic or EMT on the call. The instructions must be followed. If you are not sure what you are doing or have been assigned something you are not familiar with, say so right away so your task can be clarified or someone else can teach the task or be given the assignment. Generally, junior members are doing tasks as assisting with carrying equipment or simple patient procedures.
7. Junior Members shall NOT at anytime, start or attempt to start or move any ambulance or agency vehicle. NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. Upon returning to the station, Junior Members assist in clean up, restocking medical supplies for the next call or any other assignment given by crew.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Junior members are prohibited from entering any involved vehicle to assist victims. Junior members must however put on an ANSI safety vest just as all crew members at a scene. Restrict participation at these scenes to helping with carrying, or getting equipment from the ambulances when requested. Junior members are not permitted to perform any traffic control duties. Junior members may assist in vehicle rescue operations under direct supervision if they are appropriately trained and supervised.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES BY LAW and/or by COBLESKILL RESCUE SQUAD

Cobleskill Rescue Squad and/or state law specifically prohibits Junior Members from participating in the following activities:

1. Operating organizational vehicles.
2. Entering a burning structure or entering a crashed motor vehicle.
3. Participate in emergencies involving WMD, explosives, or hazardous materials.
4. An emergency operation in or around mines, strip-mines or quarries or gravel-pits
5. Participate in operations involving radioactive substances.
6. Participate in operations involving weapons or suicides.
7. Police action calls
8. Never enter scene first

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

1. Participate in organized training activities in which an adult member of the organization is present and supervising the junior member.
2. All aspects of EMS patient care within operational scope of practice
3. All aspects of EMS Training
4. Rescue training.
5. Hazardous material training at agency level as required by OSHA
6. Safety training.
7. Wilderness Search and Rescue training.
8. Provide Rehabilitation and canteen services for FF or other rescue personnel.
9. Participate in searches or rescues, with supervision.
10. Hypothermia and Ice Rescue training
11. Fundraising activities
12. Agency activities related to Junior Membership Program.
13. All/any other activities, training, or EMS operation sanctioned by EMS Captain

MEETING AND TRAINING

Junior Membership Meetings are generally conducted as needed by the Board Of Directors and the Junior Advisor(s). The meetings will be held @ 18:15 on the night of the Rescue Squad meetings. They are generally informational with Junior Program business discussed. Junior members are also encouraged to come to Cobleskill Rescue Squad General Membership meeting. These meeting are held monthly and are on the first Monday, except holidays which then they will be held on the Thursday prior to the holiday.

Training is a very important part of the entire Cobleskill Rescue Squad's operation. All junior members are required to have CPR and First Aid training. As a regular part of Operational Procedures, every member must go through Orientation.

The term "Orientation" and "Probation" are often used to mean the same thing: All EMS related training is given at Cobleskill Rescue Squad

Junior training dates and times will also be scheduled by the EMS Captain and the Junior Advisor

The training for the Junior Membership Program is structured to introduce junior members to Emergency Medical Services and to medical careers. Junior members that transition into general membership are at an advantage since the Junior Program introduces them to the tools and skills that are used in EMS. During orientation and training, you will learn how to work as a team and HAVE FUN!

Quite often the training will include some physical or hands on activity and/or lesson. At times, an educational field trip may be substituted for the regularly scheduled training.

EMT JUNIOR ADVISORS

The Cobleskill Rescue Squad Board Of Directors will designate one or more members to be Junior Advisors. These Junior Advisors oversee the entire Junior Membership Program and carry out as needed the responsibilities of the program in close conjunction with the Board Of Directors. The Junior Advisors will champion recruiting and recognition of juniors, be responsible for records of attendance, and training and provide a summary report of Junior Member activities at general membership and staff meetings.

JUNIOR UNIFORMS

All uniforms and/or Protective Equipment that are issued to junior members remain the property of the Cobleskill Rescue Squad, and must be surrendered upon termination of membership.

During orientation the following uniform items are issued and must be worn while on duty or during agency activities:

- Navy blue EMS Turnout pants and Jacket
- Tee Shirt with Cobleskill Rescue Squad logo
- White Polo, Blue BDU pants

Uniform Configuration

You are responsible for the care and maintenance of your uniforms. They are to be worn when participating in any agency function or activity where you will have contact with members of the public. Uniforms are also required to be worn during training, unless told otherwise by a Junior Mentor.

Acknowledge Receipt of Operating Guidelines

I acknowledge that I and my son/daughter have received a copy of the Cobleskill Rescue Squad Junior Membership Program Guidelines and have reviewed them prior to signing these documents.

Junior Member Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

I acknowledge that the above received a copy of the Cobleskill Rescue Squad Junior Membership Program Guidelines.

EMS Captain Signature

Date

Appendix A

Cobleskill Rescue Squad Waiver

Cobleskill Rescue Squad

Junior / Parent Release Form

GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS TO COBLESKILL RESCUE SQUAD

This agreement is made this ____ day of _____ 20_____, by and between

Junior Name (Print name in full)

(Hereafter "Releaser") and Cobleskill Rescue Squad

WHEREAS, Cobleskill Rescue Squad is the operator of the primary ambulance service in the Village of Cobleskill, Towns of Cobleskill, Carlisle, Fulton, Richmondville, and Seward in Schoharie County, in New York State; and,

WHEREAS, Cobleskill Rescue Squad, has gratuitously consented to allow Releaser to occupy certain premises and/or vehicles owned or leased by Cobleskill Rescue Squad for the purpose of accompanying patients to the hospital; and,

WHEREAS, Releaser acknowledges and understands the particular risks and dangers to which the occupiers of ambulance premises, public and private dwellings and/or ambulance vehicles et al. are commonly exposed. Such risks include but are not limited to, an increased potential for automobile accidents, exposure to potentially contagious diseases, and such other injuries and hazards inherent in the operation of an ambulance service and should Releaser become injured it is acknowledged they are insured by Village Of Cobleskill through Cobleskill Rescue Squad for injuries.

WHEREAS, Releaser acknowledges and understands that Cobleskill Rescue Squad is NOT responsible for sickness or medical problems or difficulties, and the releaser acknowledges that Releaser or Releaser's health insurance is responsible for said problems or difficulties if such an event occurs.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of these hazards, the undersigned agrees as follows:

- 1) Releaser hereby fully waives and releases all rights, claims, actions and causes of action Releaser has or may hereafter have against Cobleskill Rescue Squad arising out of Releaser's occupancy of certain premises and/or vehicles owned or leased by Cobleskill Rescue Squad for the purpose of accompanying patients to the hospital
- 2) This release is executed by Releaser with the full knowledge and understanding of the risk involved in Releaser's occupancy of certain premises and/or vehicles owned by leased and/or owned by Cobleskill Rescue Squad for the purpose of accompanying patients to the hospital
- 3) This release is freely and voluntarily executed by Releaser, and was not made upon reliance of any inducements, promises, representations, made by Cobleskill Rescue Squad or any of its representatives.
- 4) Releaser hereby agrees that Releaser will not participate in the treatment or transportation of patients unless specifically requested to do so by the Paramedic, EMT or other qualified member.
- 5) Any action Releaser observes, including any and all names, addresses and other personal and/or identifying Information, history of past or present illnesses, conditions, injuries and/or treatments and of patients and/or family members, noted or observed during an ambulance call or while "on duty" shall be kept in the strictest of confidence during and/or after their membership activities with Cobleskill Rescue Squad.

This release shall be binding upon the Releaser, Parents of Releaser, Releaser's heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

I have read and understand all of the forgoing.

X _____ Parent Guardian _____ Date _____
Releaser's Signature



Cobleskill Rescue Squad Junior Membership Application

For Applicants 14 to 17 years old

Today's Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Driver's License Number and State (if you drive): _____

(Attach Copy)

Home Address: _____

City, St, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Number: _____ (if any)

E-mail: _____

Alternate Address (if needed): _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Do you have your parent's permission to apply to be a Junior EMS Member? Yes No

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Home: _____

Work: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact (if different):

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Relation to you: _____

Are you related to a member of Cobleskill Rescue Squad Yes No

If so, who? _____

MEDICAL

Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

Desired Hospital _____ Phone Number _____

Medical Conditions _____

Allergies _____

Do you take any medication? Yes No

If Yes, list the medication and what condition it is for: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION (use another sheet of paper if more space needed)

(A background check will be done as well; a felony will prevent anyone from becoming a member of Cobleskill Rescue Squad)

6) Have you ever been arrested, ticketed, fined, etc? (Felonies, Traffic Tickets, Misdemeanors, etc)

Yes No

a) If Yes, Please list the date(s) and what the charge(s) were/was:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (use another sheet of paper if more space needed)

7) What interests you the most about becoming involved with Cobleskill Rescue Squad?

8) Please list other activities, in detail, that you are involved in (Sports, Volunteer Work, Church, etc):

Applicant Signature and Date _____

Parent Signature and Date _____

Cobleskill Rescue Squad's Use:

Membership Committee Approval _____
Date _____

Parental Consent

My son/daughter, _____, has my permission to be a volunteer Junior Member with the Cobleskill Rescue Squad. I give my consent to allow _____ to be a Junior Member and do not hold the Cobleskill Rescue Squad responsible for any actions caused by my son/daughter that is not under the direction of a member of Cobleskill Rescue Squad.

Junior Member Signature and Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date _____

Contract of Understanding

I and my son/daughter have read ALL of Cobleskill Rescue Squad's Junior Membership Guidelines and understand the guidelines set forth for the purpose of a Junior Member. I and my son/daughter understand that Junior Members serve in a support role of Cobleskill Rescue Squad to learn the basics of Emergency Medical Services and lifesaving training to prepare to become a full member at the age of 18. I and my son/daughter understand that Junior Members are to follow all instructions from EMT's and Paramedics or those in the command structure of Cobleskill Rescue Squad and that the general standard of conduct is to act in the manner of a professional. I and my son/daughter understand that he/she is expected to be courteous and respectful of other staff or volunteer members (Junior and Regular) and to all citizens as they are representing Cobleskill Rescue Squad. I and my son/daughter understand there is a "zero tolerance" policy regarding drug and alcohol use. I and my son/daughter understand that by signing this Contract of Understanding we are declaring that any violation of the guidelines is grounds for immediate dismissal. I and my son/daughter understand that any acts that violate the guidelines are to be immediately reported to the EMS Captain.

Junior Member Signature and Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date _____

