

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY CODE

Chapter 14

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION*

Sec. 14-1. Line of Duty Act applicable in county.

The Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors recognizes the fire departments of South River District, Natural Bridge, Raphine, Kerr's Creek, Glasgow, Effinger, Walkers Creek, Rockbridge Baths, Buena Vista, Lexington and Goshen, and the rescue squads of Glasgow, Goshen, Lexington, Buena Vista and Fairfield as being an integral part of the official safety program of the county.

Cross reference(s)--Similar provisions, §18-1.

Sec. 14-2. Junior Firefighters.

A. Subject to any restrictions that may be adopted by the volunteer fire companies, any person who is sixteen (16) years of age or older, after first obtaining parent's or legal guardian's approval, in writing, is authorized to work with or fully participate in all activities of the County's volunteer fire companies, provided such person has attained certification under the National Fire Association NFPA 1001, Level One, fire fighter standards, as administered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs. The certification record and parent or guardian consent shall be kept on file in the office of the volunteer fire department for each participant who is enrolled pursuant to this section.

B. Any trainer or instructor of such persons mentioned in subsection A of this section and any member of a volunteer fire company who supervises any such persons shall be exempt from the provisions of 40.1-103 when engaged in activities of a volunteer fire company, provided that the volunteer fire company has purchased insurance which provides coverage for injuries to or the death of such persons in their performance of activities under this section. (Ord. of 8-23-04)

* **Cross reference(s)**--Office of emergency services, §2-131 et seq.; fire protection at musical or entertainment festivals, §4-19(8); buildings and building regulations, Ch. 7; law enforcement, Ch. 18; stopping, parking or impeding traffic by vehicle parked in fire lane, §20-41; failure to yield right-of-way to firefighting vehicles, §20-125; stopping in vicinity of fire or emergency, §20-263; emergency vehicles, §20-346 et seq.; following or parking near fire apparatus or rescue squad vehicle, §20-347; driving over fire hose, §20-348.

State law reference(s)--Fire protection, Code of Virginia, §27-1 et seq.

