

Mission Statement

To maintain a safe environment for the youth of our community to gather for learning the many aspects of the fire service, as well as provide avenues for positive social interaction.

To provide a mentor program that promotes learning through team building, hands-on activities, and group discussions.

To build each Cadet up to their potential by focusing on leadership, character, teamwork, and community.

To provide an active and enjoyable program for our Cadets and their families to enjoy.

Core Values

Safety	Team Work
Service to Others	Honesty
Integrity	Compassion
Self-discipline	Professionalism
Accountability	Respect
Dignity	Pride
Honor	Friendship
Educate	Fun

Thank you for
your interest in
the Sussex County
Operation GEM
program



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What is Operation GEM?

Operation GEM is a junior (cadet) firefighter program for children ages 10 to 14 developed to give young people the opportunity to learn about fire, rescue and emergency medical services in a safe, educational and fun way.

Encouraging our youth to take part in emergency services is beneficial to local communities and provides local fire departments with an excellent recruitment mechanism. The program increases the awareness among youth about volunteering and supporting the fire and emergency services, as well as providing leadership development. Cadet's build strong bonds with peers while working together to meet common goals within the program, as well as in the community.



What types of activities can you expect from the Sussex County Operation Gem program?

- Training in firefighting and EMS
- Monthly meetings/activities
- Participation in local parades
- Assist during Fire Department functions
- Fundraising events
- Field trips
- Community service
- Cadet appreciation banquet

What Cadets say about the program...

"The GEM program is awesome because it teaches you how to become a firefighter, which one day I would like to be."

--Callie S.

"The cadet program prepares you to become a firefighter. It helps you with leadership skills and how to become active in your community"

--Caleb M.

"It's a great learning experience with great people."

--Macy B.

