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### **SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE SUMMER FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CAMP NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS**

SUFFOLK, VA (June 3, 2021) The Suffolk Department of Fire & Rescue is pleased to announce the return of their popular *Summer Fire and Life Safety Camps* geared to youth ages 6 to 9.

The half-day local Camp runs Monday through Friday and exposes children to what it is like to be a firefighter with Suffolk Fire & Rescue with a variety of fun, challenging, entertaining, and educational activities. The mission of the Camp is to teach children safety lessons on things around their homes and schools which they encounter every day. Short lectures and lessons are followed by opportunities to actively participate in exercises designed to reinforce topics including firefighting, bike safety, water safety, search & rescue practices, first aid, and much more.

The fee for each weekly session is \$85 per child, which includes a Camp t-shirt, various school supplies, and lunch each day except for Friday, when there will be a Camp Graduation for participants. Participants can arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. and must be picked up by 1 p.m. The sessions run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. on Friday, with Camp Graduation beginning promptly at 12 noon. Transportation to and from the Camp is not provided.

The available sessions and locations are as follows:

Session 1, July 26 – July 30, Station #6, 300 Kings Fork Road

Session 2, August 9 – August 13, Station #6, 300 Kings Fork Road

The registration deadline is July 2, 2021. You may mail or drop off the application and fee to: Suffolk Fire & Rescue Summer Fire and Life Safety Camp, 300 Kings Fork Road, Suffolk, VA 23434. Checks will need to be made out to the Jeff T. Messinger Memorial Fund. Space is limited, and Camps will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will not be confirmed for the Camp until the application and payment are received.

For additional information, please contact Jeanie Brinkley at 514-4584. Application forms can be downloaded from: [www.suffolkva.us/220/Fire-Rescue](http://www.suffolkva.us/220/Fire-Rescue).

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