I ____________________________ (Parent/Guardian Name) give permission for my child ____________________________ (Student Name), who is between the age of 16 and 18 and is a member of a bona fide fire department as defined in G.S. 58-86-25 or a bona fide rescue squad defined in G.S. 58-86-30, to participate in fire and rescue classes offered by Gaston College. I understand that my child is allowed to participate in these classes per G.S. 95-25.5.(n).

I understand that my child will be participating in fire and rescue activities to include, but not limited to the following:

- Climbing and operating at heights over ten (10) feet.
- Operating power tools to include, but not limited to: chainsaws, cutoff saws, sawzalls, hydraulic cutting and pushing equipment and similar fire and rescue equipment.
- Operate cutting torches.
- Wearing and operating in self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Removing and replacing equipment and tools from trucks.
- Operating from a roof structure or simulated roof prop using tools and power equipment.

I also understand that my child may participate in live fire training evolutions in an engineered burn building, but may not participate in live fire evolutions inside or upon acquired structures, in accordance with the Gaston College’s live burn policy.

Gaston College supports local fire and rescue agencies in their attempt to build the future of their organization. As a result, 16 and 17 year olds who hold membership in a volunteer fire department or rescue squad are eligible for admission to fire and rescue courses. However, the college reserves the right to restrict enrollment to courses of a non-hazardous nature.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Fire Chief Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Department Name: ____________________________________________________________________