



BECOMING PART OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Become an Orange County Fire Rescue Explorer! Join the Explorer program and be part of real life fire and rescue. As an Explorer you learn from working professionals. Explorers must be:

- ◆ 14 to 20 years old.
- ◆ In school with at least a “C” average.
- ◆ A non-smoker.
- ◆ Responsible with good moral character.
- ◆ In good health to pass a medical exam.

If you are interested in applying for membership with the Orange County Fire Rescue Explorer Program, you will need to complete this enclosed interest form and send it in. Once we receive it, our program coordinator will contact you.



Explorers have a unique opportunity to participate with the Orange County Fire Rescue Department. Once they receive and pass their training, they will be allowed to spend time at a fire station and respond on calls as a member of the team.

This is done under the supervision of the Post Advisors. The Advisors for the Explorer Program all have Public Safety experience with an emphasis on fire department.

AROUND THE FIRE STATION

Once an Explorer is approved to ride, they will schedule a time to ride at a fire station. They will have to remember that the firefighters at the station consider it their “home” for 24 hours.

The Explorers will have to help with “chores” such as cleaning the vehicles, taking out the trash, washing dishes, sweeping and mopping floors, etc.

They will also participate in scheduled training and any other activities that the crew may be doing that day.

PARTICIPATING IN CALLS

During the orientation and training class, the recruits receive training that will prepare them for when they ride on the Engines and Rescues.

Once they get to this point, they may be participating in some very intense situations because of the nature of our jobs. No two calls are ever the same and we as firefighters never know exactly what to expect.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Explorers participate in many functions for the benefit of the community and fire service. This is done in a number of ways: events they are invited to attend, service that they perform as a group and individual community service.



GROUP ACTIVITIES

The group activities the members participate in vary widely. They include the following:

Scheduled Meetings – these occur at night, two or three times per month. They include training classes and other Post activities.

Weekend Training – this is usually scheduled every other month or as needed.

Other activities include the community service events and even some good old fun times – like road trips for ice cream or sending out for pizza!

WHAT IS EXPLORING?



Exploring is a part of the Learning for Life organization, a section of the Boy Scouts of America.

Fire Service Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday.

In order to gain the maximum benefit from the program, being an Explorer takes a commitment from both the members and their parents. The training provides a valuable foundation, but like school, they will be tested in order to show proficiency.

They must be able to attend all Explorer related events and have reliable transportation.

They must be able to perform physical activities and must be willing to work as a TEAM!!



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of fire service, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Fire Service Explorer posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities.

Exploring has five areas of program emphasis: career opportunities, leadership experience, life skills, citizenship, and character education.



Programs that develop potential contacts that may broaden employment options. Activities that boost a youth's self-confidence and help him or her experience success at school and work.



Programs that help youth develop leadership skills to fulfill their responsibilities in society. Activities that provide exposure to different leadership traits.



Programs that help youth develop physical and mental fitness. Activities that provide opportunities for youth to experience positive social interaction.



Programs that encourage youth to develop the skill and desire to help others. Activities that provide opportunities for youth to gain a keen respect for the basic rights of others.



Programs that help youth develop skills necessary for making ethical choices. Activities which provide opportunities for fulfilling one's responsibility to society as a whole.

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