

# WHAT IS EXPLORING?

Exploring is learning for life's career education program for young men and women who are at least 14 (and completed 8th grade) and not yet 20 years old.

Exploring is about helping young adults make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if it is the right one for them.

## YOUR BENEFITS?

- Weekly community hours towards ex-curricular activities
- Special events like parade, city events etc...
- CPR/AED First Aid Certification
- Ambulance ride time; Be part of the crew on real calls
- Scholarship; earn a scholarship to become Fire and/or EMT certified
- Participate to yearly Explorer's competitions
- Get in physically and mentally shape
- Gain seniority and rank
- Gain confidence and make friends for life

## VISION STATEMENT

"To provide positive and meaningful real-world career experiences and leadership development opportunities for all teenagers and young adults in their chosen field of interest."



## EXPLORING'S 5 AREAS OF EMPHASIS

1	Career Opportunities	Real-World Career Skills
2	Leadership Experience	Leadership Skills Employers Crave
3	Life Skills	Conflict-Resolution, Problem-Solving, Relationship Skills
4	Citizenship	Learn Democratic Process and Respect for Others
5	Character Education	Ethical Decision Making

## TESTIMONIALS

"... it brings neighborhood kids into the fold, teaching skills from our field but also skills that will benefit them the rest of their lives."

- Rodney Turpel  
Fire Chief

"... when the kids first reported, they didn't know what to expect, and now they take care of each other like a real team."

- Christopher Xiste  
Explorer Coordinator

"... inspired by the firefighters and what they do, and I want to make a difference with my profession."

- Jevann Videau  
Class Leader



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Be between the ages of 14-20 and must be enrolled in high school
- Cannot be failing any classes at the time of enrollment
- Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5
- Participate in a peer-to-peer selection interview
  - Attend weekly meetings at the station (Wednesdays)
- Be ready to participate in training and community service events



## 9 FIELDS OF STUDY

- 1 History of Emergency Medical and Fire Services
- 2 Basic First Aid
- 3 CPR/AED
- 4 Blood Borne Pathogens
- 5 Body Substance Isolation/Scene Safety
- 6 Firefighter Orientation Safety
- 7 Fire Department Rules and Regulations
- 8 Tools and Equipment
- 9 Roadway Safety

*The Explorer Motto*  
*“Our best today for a better tomorrow!”*

## PHYSICAL FITNESS

A career in the fire services is both mentally and physically demanding. Explorers participate in vigorous physical fitness training at their meetings, alongside their other firefighters.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A fire service career is 100% community/public service related. Our goal is get student involved in the community, by participating at City events, providing free blood pressure tests, CPR awareness workshops, fire alarm awareness and more. Students will receive credit for their community service hours through the time they dedicate to participating in public awareness programs.