STRENGTHENING YOUTH THROUGH EXPLORING™

Wildland Firefighting

FOREST SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FIRE & EMS EXPLORING
Exploring is all about helping young men and women 14 through 20 years old to make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for them. Typically, a young adult will either: 1) get involved, learn about a career, and decide to pursue it; OR 2) learn enough about the career to determine it’s not the right fit for them. It’s better to learn as a young adult that a career is not for you, than after spending lots of money on an education only to THEN discover you don’t like the career!

Exploring leaders volunteer their time to provide real-world career experiences for young adults. Exploring is not about lectures and slide shows—it’s about gaining practical experience in a career field. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

EXPLORERS WILL:

- Learn important leadership skills
- Participate in hands-on projects to give them a real feel for whether this career is the right one for them
- Network with professionals who work in these careers daily and who use the latest technology
- Learn about the educational requirements for a career in fire and emergency services and receive tangible advice on steps they can take now to prepare and position themselves for a successful career in the field of fire and EMS

AGENCY BENEFITS

- Recruit and train future employees
- Improved/increased retention in the workforce
- Impact the education process of youth
- Demonstrate visible commitment to the welfare of the community

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Be an integral part of shaping a young man’s or woman’s future
- Increased opportunity for advancement within the company
- Leadership & mentoring skills improved
- Influence the future

YOUTH BENEFITS

- Practical, real-world career experiences
- Develop character and leadership skills
- Make new friends
- Obtain experiences that can be listed on college, and job applications
- Obtain a career

OTHER BENEFITS

- Source of qualified call-when-needed firefighters
- Community service & improvement
- Volunteer work for Forest and community
- Improved public service

EVERYONE WINS WITH EXPLORING!

Exploring will be one of the best opportunities you offer your agency, your employees, and the youth of your community.

Learn more at www.exploring.org/fire-ems.
SCHOLARSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS FOUNDATION EXPLORER SCHOLARSHIP

FIRE SAFETY EXPLORING MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION PUBLIC SAFETY EXPLORER SCHOLARSHIP

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Training & Skills gained

- Firefighting (Engine, Hand Crew, Helitack, Other)
- Fire Behavior
- Fire Prevention
- Incident Command
- 1st Aid/CPR
- Firefighting tools, chainsaws & pumps
- Aviation Operations
- Communications and use of radios
- Leadership
- Land Navigation
- Firing Devices and Operations
- Personal/Public Safety
- Much more