

CITY OF ONTARIO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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EXPLORER POST #357

"Our best today for a better tomorrow!"



EXPLORING PROGRAM

Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women. The work based portion of Learning for Life builds on character lessons and brings the world of work alive by offering youth participants an opportunity to learn firsthand about career fields through the Exploring Program. This helps them determine if this is their correct career path. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature at this stage in their lives and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.



Since January 1, 1995, the City of Ontario Fire Department has sponsored Fire Explorer Post #357. The program is a fire service career introduction program that is "youth lead/youth ran" and coordinated by volunteer fire service adult advisors.

Post #357 is a non-funded City-sponsored program that benefits from the use of Ontario Fire Department facilities, equipment, personal protective clothing, donations from fundraising and community service organizations. The Post is a registered program with the Boy Scouts of America, Learning for Life, and a member organization of the Inland Empire Fire Explorer Association.



PROGRAM AREAS OF EMPHASIS

Engage in a program of activities centered on the four emphasis areas to encourage the development of the whole person.

- Career Opportunities
- Leadership Experience
- Life Skills
- Citizenship



EXPLORE THE FIRE SERVICE

- Municipal Fire Departments
- Military Opportunities
- Wildland Fire Agencies
- Private Fire Protection Industry
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Investigation
- Dispatch
- Fire Equipment & Repair



CAREER PREPARATION

You will learn how to prepare yourself to be competitive in a very aggressively sought after career by leaders in the fire service, and explorers who are now working on their fire service careers.

MOST IMPORTANTLY: EVERYONE HAS FUN!!!

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

The Post meets on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Ontario Fire Training Center, 1408 E. Francis Street. Activities, which mostly occur on weekends, range from assisting with public education events and public service assistance, to fire service tours and training programs. We also participate in fun competition events with other explorer posts.



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MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the Exploring Program you must be between 15-19 years of age, completed the 8th grade, maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average, and be a person of good character. In order to join the Exploring Program, all candidates must pass the peer interview, physical fitness test, and attend the orientation meeting.

APPLICATION

Applications can be obtained from, and returned to, our Administration Offices located at:

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