

Alton Fire & Rescue Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 1.1.10 Learning for Life EXPLORER POST Program

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

SCOPE: Fire Department member and retiree Advisors and Explorer members.

SPECIFICS: 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.

- Explorers are identified by helmet placard and receive hands-on experience in accordance with Learning for Life policies.
- Explorer advisors are either fire department member or retirees. Retiree Advisors are identified by helmet placard.
- Explorer advisors provide adult leadership in accordance with Learning for Life guidelines.

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