



# STRENGTHENING YOUTH THROUGH EXPLORING™

FIRE & EMS



# WHAT IS EXPLORING™

Exploring is all about helping young men and women in sixth grade 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.



## FIRE & EMS

Explorers get to experience firsthand what it's like to be a volunteer or full-time firefighter and emergency service provider through firefighting training and ride-alongs during actual fire calls.

### 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

## EVERYONE WINS WITH EXPLORING!

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

### COMPANY BENEFITS

- Cultivate and recruit future employees
- Reduce employee turnover and training expenses
- 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

### YOUTH BENEFITS

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

### SCHOOL BENEFITS

- Meet state or federal career education standards
- Partner with local businesses
- Extend the classroom beyond the school day
- Gain access to a free career interest survey

## TESTIMONIALS

“ ... is a consistent recruiting tool for new firefighters.

—CHIEF TIMOTHY S. WALL

NORTH FARMS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
CHAIRMAN, VCOS OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Fire Exploring gave me valuable insight into the fire service profession by offering hands-on career activities.

—KEN S.

EXPLORER

... brings together all areas of our operation for training.

—GENE COLEMAN

BATTALION CHIEF, CENTER POINT FIRE/RESCUE  
CAPTAIN, BIRMINGHAM FIRE AND RESCUE

... brings fire and emergency services to life for teens.”

—RODNEY ROBERTSON

LIEUTENANT, MARTIN COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

## 5 AREAS OF EMPHASIS

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

LIFE SKILLS

CITIZENSHIP

CHARACTER EDUCATION

**OUR VISION** Shape the workforce of tomorrow by engaging and mentoring today's youth in career and life-enhancing opportunities.







## SCHOLARSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF FIRE CHIEFS FOUNDATION  
EXPLORER SCHOLARSHIP

FIRE SAFETY EXPLORING  
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION PUBLIC  
SAFETY EXPLORER SCHOLARSHIP

Learn more at  
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**EXPLORING**<sup>TM</sup>  
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE



## POPULAR FIRE & EMS CAREERS INCLUDE:

- Firefighters
- Paramedics
- Emergency technicians
- Ambulance corps
- Search and rescue services
- Forest firefighters
- Fire inspectors
- Fire marshals
- Emergency shelter managers

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