

Learn Teamwork

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Mason City Fire Department Explorers



*Exciting career
learning
program for
young adults
ages 14-20*

*Recruit, Retain,
Recommit, Recognize*

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About the program



The Explorer program consists of mental and physical aspects of all kinds. You will work hard and efficiently to accomplish all tasks that are given, to their full extent. In the fire service, the expectation of accomplishing tasks is high with

no or little room for error. Also, you will be expected to complete the tasks given to you professionally. Professionalism is a major factor whenever and whatever you may be asked to do. Despite the strict discipline, the Explorer program is very enjoyable and rewarding. It helps improve your attitude and the way you see things in. You will complete tasks with your team exceptionally well to their full extent. You will also get a chance to become acquainted with some of the many hard working firefighters within the your community and beyond.

Experience gained!!!

The experience, discipline, and knowledge you will gain will benefit you in your future whether you decide to become a firefighter or not. You will benefit even more from the program if you do decide to become a firefighter. In the end, it will benefit YOU and the decisions you make in your lifetime. So, if you think you're ready to better yourself, have fun, experience things you have never experienced, and meet new people...then come join us.

What to expect...

In the Explorer program, Explorers participate in a wide variety of extensive firefighting training. You will learn how to search for and rescue a victim in a fire situation with all the correct gear including the air pack. Another type of training is how to rapidly deploy a fire hose from a fire engine/truck, and successfully attach it to a hydrant. There are also many more training procedures conducted in the Explorer program including CPR, rescue breathing, the Heimlich, back-boarding, and assessing patients etc.... Physical fitness is also an important aspect within the Explorer program. You need to be physically fit to accomplish certain tasks that may be given to you at any time. There will also be much community service involvement in the program. You will be asked to participate in community service events for the Fire Department such as Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) events.



Requirements:

- You **must** be between the ages of **14 and 21** years of age and out of the 9th grade.
- You **must** maintain a grade point average of **2.5 ('C')** or better in school.
- You **must** possess the ability to: Learn modern fire suppression, fire prevention and E.M.S. practices. Learn firefighting evolutions, techniques, and methods to apply such information to specific situations. Read, understand and follow Explorer policies, rules, regulations and instructions. Quickly and efficiently follow oral and written directions when under stress and pressure. Establish and maintain courteous and cooperative relationships with associates and the public.

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