

Central Fire Explorer Program

Central Fire Protection District has four stations and covers the approximate area between the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor and Cabrillo College. We respond to many different types of incidents including but not limited to Fires, Medicals, Public Service calls, Hazardous Materials calls, and Rescues. Central Fire responds to over 3000 calls each year.

The Central Fire Explorer Program was established in April, 2002.

The purpose of the program is to provide the participants the opportunity to experience the fire service first hand through drills, ride-a-longs and participation in various departmental activities.

The requirements of each Explorer are as follows:

Age 14-18

Minimum GPA of 2.0

Maturity

Dedication (Explorers must attend an adequate number of drills)

Professional Grooming and Uniforms

Drills are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 10:00am-12:30pm. The first 30 minutes is physical fitness training. Drills are held at the 17th Ave. station unless otherwise advised. Drill topics cover all aspects of the fire service and are usually hands on.

Attendance is important however we are flexible with school sports, EMT class etc. if it creates absences for a limited period of time. If the Explorer has an excess of absences, we will re-evaluate the Explorers eligibility. This will be at the discretion of the Explorer Program Director and the Central Fire Training Officer.

Enclosed in this packet are the Safety Rules. We will also cover these regularly in relation to each individual drill.

Uniforms are required and must be worn at every drill unless otherwise advised. Explorer Program t-shirts will be ordered and available as soon as possible. Until then, please wear a plain t-shirt, preferably navy blue in

color. Uniforms are not to be worn in an unprofessional manner. There is a uniform list included in this packet.

Explorers are encouraged to do ride-a-longs with the engine companies.

Explorers are encouraged to participate in various department events such as toy drives, car washes, pancake breakfasts and other public education events.

The Explorer Program is chartered through the Boy Scouts of America and the insurance is provided by them. Central Fire pays the Explorer fees for the charter.

Those are the basics. I will provide you with any other necessary information when you join the program.

Please read all the information in this packet and fill out the application. Return the application to the administrative office. Once I have received and reviewed your application I will contact you with further information.

Thanks,

Laurel Walters,
Explorer Program Director