

Explorer Program Safety Rules

1. Every Explorer must be equipped with all necessary safety gear to be used in accordance with department policy.
2. Explorers may not be substituted for trained personnel.
3. Explorers may not drive department vehicles.
4. **Explorers may not enter IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health) atmospheres at an emergency incident or perform ventilation on burning structures.**
5. **At no time will an Explorer take an active role in mitigation at an emergency scene. They are there to observe only.**
6. Explorers may not operate hydraulic tools or equipment in an emergency situation.
7. An Explorers level of participation on training exercises during a ride-a-long will be at the discretion of the Captain on duty and the Explorer Program Director. This decision will be based on the Explorers experience, ability and comfort level.
8. At no time will an Explorer be required to perform a task that is not within his or her comfort level.
9. In the event of a field trip, Explorers will be required to turn in a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian.