

# Welcome

Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Explorer Program Info Seminar



# Program Agenda



- **Welcome** (Assistant Fire Chief Robert Harris)
- **Explorer Program Intro by Learning of Life** (Gina Chan, Learning for Life)
- **Fire Department Partnership** (Assistant Fire Chief Robert Harris)
- **Training Requirement and Life as an Explorer** (Battalion Chief Randy Perry)
- **Financial Commitment** (Rosemary Vivero, Program Treasurer)
- **Entry Process** (Assistant Fire Chief Robert Harris)
- **Question and Answers** (Chief Heidi Oliva, ESD)

# About the Explorer Program

*presented by Gina Chan*



# EXPLORING™

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE



# Fire Department Partnership

*presented by Chief Robert Harris*

- The Los Angeles County Fire Department partners with Learning for Life to offer participant the opportunity to explore the career of a firefighter.
- Participants are given the opportunity to train and work side by side with fire service professionals while being mentored.
- Participants are consistently supervised by firefighters who are trained mentors according to Learning for Life's policies and procedures.



# The Opportunity



- Get a head start on a life-saving career
- Gain life-enhancing skills
- Be mentored by professionals
- Get involved in community events by serving at approved functions
- Develop and maintain physical fitness



# What this is NOT!



- Not a hangout spot
- We do not babysit
- Not for the lazy
- Explorers are required to invest in their development by meeting certain milestones



# Program Participation Requirements



- 15-20 years of age
- 2.0 GPA
- In good health and able to participate as determined by a doctor's physical
- Willingness to work as a team member
- Must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated
- Participants 18 - 20 years of age will be subject to a background investigation (Livescan) conducted by Learning for Life



# Training Requirements

*presented by Chief Randy Perry*



## Orientation Weekend for New Explorers

- Two days of training
- To be held at a designated LACoFD training center
- Time: 0700 -1700 daily
- Explorers will bring a lunch
- Helmet, gloves, brush coat, and a task book will be issued
- Monthly ride along requirement 0800 - 2000





# Training Topics



- Station demeanor, attitude, behavior
- Rank structure
- Department organization
- Equipment location
- Emergency Operations: "Where you are during the emergency"
- Breathing apparatus
- Orientation to making a hydrant
- Orientation to pulling 1 ¾ hose line
- Orientation to ladders
- Proper cleaning



# Explorer Task Book Completion



- Earn the position of “Certified Explorer”
- Instructions on the type of training the Explorer needs to complete
- Upon completion of the task book, the Explorer will undergo an overall evaluation of skills and physical test
- Successful completion of final evaluation:
  - Issued certified Explorer patch and belt buckle
  - Issued Turnouts
  - Allowed to ride-along 24-hour shifts



# Life as an Explorer

Commitment



# Participation Requirements

- Must attend bi-monthly meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month
- Meeting time 1800-2100 held at your post location
- Be an active member of your post and participate in community events as needed
- Ride-along shall be a minimum of 12 hours monthly
- Actively work to complete task book





# Financial Commitment

*presented by Rosemary Vivero*



- Parent responsibility is \$230 to cover uniform cost (\$170) and Learning For Life Exploring Fees (\$60)
- \$60 paid *annually* paid directly to “Learning for Life”
- Basic Uniform TOTAL is \$170 (one-time)
  - \$30 Dickie pants
  - \$20 Blue shirt
  - \$100 Steel toe boots
  - \$20 Black belt
- Additional cost may apply for banquet participation. This cost commonly covered by post fundraising (\$34 per person)
- Scholarships may be available to assist with uniform cost
- LACoFD shall cover the cost of the following: PT gear, ball cap, academy patches, Belt buckle, name plate for uniform
- *All costs and fees are approximate*

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# ENTRY PROCESS

*presented by Chief Robert Harris*

- Submit Interest Card at [www.fire.lacounty.gov/explorer-program](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/explorer-program)
- When the Explorer program application period opens up, you will be sent a link to apply and select your post location choices
  - It is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
  - If you are accepted into the Explorer program, you will then complete the *“Learning For Life” application located on their website*
  - Attend orientation
  - Meet all program requirements (*physical, fees, etc.*)
  - Submit memo of interest to assigned Post and interview with Advisors



# Stay Updated on the LACoFD Explorer Program



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For information on the LACoFD Explorer  
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[www.fire.lacounty.gov/explorer-program/](http://www.fire.lacounty.gov/explorer-program/)

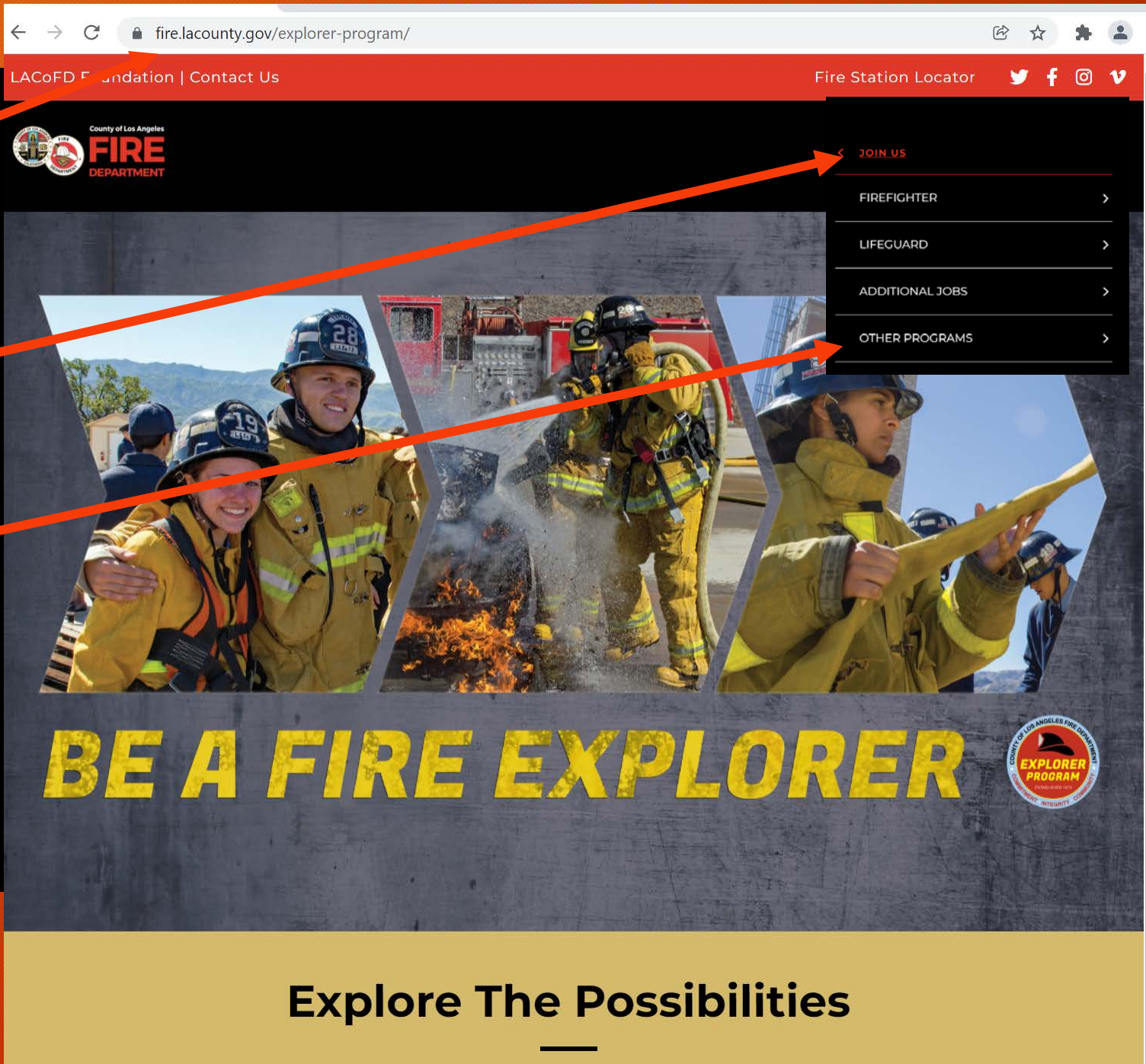
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Thank You



1. Fire.lacounty.gov

2. In menu, click "Join Us"

3. Next, click "Other Programs"

4. Click on "Explorer"

Explore The Possibilities





# Question and Answers

*Moderator: Chief Heidi Oliva, ESD*

Due to the large number of participants, please utilize the chat function of the site to submit questions.