Welcome

Los Angeles County Fire Department
Explorer Program Info Seminar
• Welcome (Assistant Fire Chief Robert Harris)
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About the Explorer Program
presented by Gina Chan

EXPLORING™
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE
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
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 1st and 3rd 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
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
ENTRY PROCESS
presented by Chief Robert Harris

• Submit Interest Card at 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 Program, please visit:
www.fire.lacounty.gov/explorer-program/
Click “Fill Out Interest Card”

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