



CITY OF BUCKEYE
Fire Department

Explorer Program

INFORMATION SHEET

Meetings will be held at: Station 703 (2582 North Verrado Way, Buckeye, AZ 85396)

Meetings will be held the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Meetings will start at: 9:00 A.M.

For more information please email us at: FireDepartment-Explorers@buckeyeaz.gov

City of Buckeye Fire Department Phone Number: 623.349.6700

Buckeye Fire Station Locations:

Fire Station 701	404 South Miller Road, Buckeye, AZ 85326	Downtown Buckeye
Fire Station 702	1911 South Rainbow Road, Buckeye, AZ 85326	Sundance
Fire Station 703	2582 North Verado Way, Buckeye, AZ 85396	Verrado
Fire Station 704	26100 West Beardsley Road, Buckeye, AZ 85396	Festival Ranch
Fire Station 705	30050 West Tartesso Parkway, Buckeye, AZ 85396	Tartesso
Fire Station 706	25821 West Magnolia Street, Buckeye, AZ 85326	Westpark
Training Academy	115 S. 7 th Street, Buckeye, AZ 85326	Downtown Buckeye



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POST #2703

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES CAREER EXPLORING

Fire & Emergency Service Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Fire & Emergency Services.

Fire & Emergency Services Exploring is a hands-on program that exposes participants to many career experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within fire and emergency services and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and country.

The most popular Fire & Emergency Services Exploring careers include:

- Fire Fighters
- Paramedics
- Emergency Technicians
- Ambulance Corps
- Search & Rescue Services
- Forest Fire Fighters

You get to experience firsthand what it's like to be a volunteer or full-time Fire fighter & Emergency Service provider through firefighting training & ride-along during actual fire calls.

Agencies from various, federal, state, and local levels coordinate the Fire and Emergency Services Exploring programs throughout the United States. The majority of the community programs are managed by local fire departments. In addition, several national agencies offer their support. The International Association of Fire Chiefs, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), and US Forest Service provide national programs, scholarships, workshops, and literature.

Nationally, over 22,500 Explorers participate in 1,754 Fire and Emergency Services Posts. The program highlights include: the National Fire and Emergency Services Exploring Conferences, ride-a longs, career achievement and proficiency awards, training scenarios, and scholarship opportunities.

You will develop:

- Leadership Skills
- Respect for firefighters & explorers
- New personal skills

You will learn:

- Emergency call protocols
- Firefighting policies & procedures
- Team Building
- Proper Equipment Usage

You will have an opportunity to participate in

- Firefighting training scenarios i.e. buildings
- Ambulance calls
- National & Regional Events

You will have an opportunity to network with

- Explorers across the USA
- Firefighting & Emergency Services professionals
- Forest Fighters

You will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on projects to give you a real feel for whether this career is the right one for you.

You will learn about the educational requirements for a career in Fire & Emergency Service and will receive tangible advice on steps you could take now to prepare and position yourself for a successful career in the field of Fire & Emergency Service.

Fire & Emergency Service Career Exploring will provide you with the following benefits:

- Improved self-confidence
- Leadership experience and social network development
- Fun and Exciting "hands-on" career experiences
- Community service opportunities
- College & Career Readiness preparation
- Scholarship opportunities

When do meetings take place?

Fire & Emergency Service Career Exploring posts typically meet on a monthly basis during the school year. Most programs parallel the high school calendar and begin in the fall. There are a number of programs that start at other times during the year to meet the needs of the host organization and participants. Programs are flexible enough to fit in with other activities.

Meeting Outline:

Meeting will be two hours long. The first hour will consist of classroom activities. The second hour will be Physical Training (PT). Participants will be responsible to wear their uniforms (boots, pants, Explorer Shirt) for the first hour then bring a change of clothes (closed toed tennis shoes, shorts and Explorer shirt) for the second hour. One Explorer shirt will be provided to each participant. Participants will need to bring their own water for the PT portion of program. Participants may bring a small snack if desired.

Program Costs:

The Fire & Emergency Service Career Exploring program is very affordable with participation fee of \$25.20 per year. Special activities, events, leadership academies and conferences may cost more.

Questions:

Any questions or concerns should be emailed to: FireDepartment-Explorers@buckeyeaz.gov



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Boy Scouts of America Prohibited Activities

- Explorers may not be substituted for trained personnel.
- Explorers must be equipped with personal protective equipment that is appropriate for the activity being done.
- Explorers may be mobilized only as a post, with required leadership. Explorers are not on call as individuals.
- Explorers who ride on apparatus or other department vehicles must be seated and must wear a seat belt.
- Explorers may not drive department vehicles.
- Explorers may not climb aerial ladders.
- Explorers may not climb ground ladders that exceed 35 feet in length, or not supported against a structure.
- Explorers may not enter or perform ventilation procedures on a burning structure.
- Explorers may not use any tools or gloves on energized electrical equipment.
- Explorers may not operate cutting torches.
- Explorers, 16 years of age or older, may operate hydraulic rescue tools or equipment.
- Explorers may not handle life nets.



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Fire Explorer Contact Information

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First): _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE :(_____) _____ CELL PHONE: (_____) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE (AT TIME OF APPLICATION): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT EMAIL IF DIFFERENT: _____

ARE YOU ENROLLED IN SCHOOL (IF YES, LIST SCHOOL): _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED AND/OR ACCUSED OF A CRIME? (INLUCDING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS) IF SO LIST:

OFFENSE	DATE	DISPOSITION
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____ RELATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: (_____) _____ SECONDARY: (_____) _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



BUCKEYE FIRE DEPARTMENT RIDE ALONG PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS FOR CITIZEN OBSERVERS IN THE RIDE ALONG PROGRAM. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY - YOUR SIGNATURE STATES YOU WILL ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMPLETE LEGAL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH. ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE PRE-SCREENED BY BUCKEYE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

1. All persons riding with crews of the Buckeye Fire Department should be dressed in a manner consistent with safety and public image.
 - No short pants, sandals, open toe shoes, high heels, tank tops, sweatpants, garments with offensive messages on them, excessively loose garments, and/or excessive loose jewelry.
 - If the persons riding as observers are not dressed satisfactorily, the company officer and/or their Supervisor have the right to refuse or terminate the ride along.
2. Persons riding in the capacity of observers are under the complete control of the company officer at all times.
3. Observers shall not leave the fire vehicle at the scene of any fire activity or participate in the fire activity unless directly requested by the company officer.
4. Observers shall not converse with patients, homeowners, business owners, suspects, witnesses or other parties contacted on the fire business unless requested by the company officer.
5. Observers shall not interfere with the Departments activities at any time. Although it is desirable, and you are encouraged to ask questions regarding procedures and activities, it must be done at the appropriate time.
6. Observers will not handle any fire equipment unless requested by the company officer.
7. Observers shall follow the direction of the company officer or designee at all times. Observation privileges may be revoked or suspended for failure to comply with Fire Department policy, procedure, or direction.
8. Observers shall not bring personal equipment with them. This includes cameras, tape recorders, flashlights, etc. Under no circumstances should you have in your possession any type of firearm, imitation firearm, or any other weapon.
9. Observers are likely to hear of, and many times observe, things that are confidential by law. Divulgence of such information is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

NAME: Last _____ First _____ MI _____

DOB: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

OCCUPATION (IF STUDENT, LIST SCHOOL AND GRADE): _____

DATE/TIME REQUESTED FOR RIDE ALONG: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR ACCIDENT, PLEASE CONTACT:

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____ PHONE: _____

SUPERVISORS VERIFICATION OF RIDE ALONG:

DATE RODE: _____ TIME FROM: _____ TO: _____

SHIFT: _____ STATION: _____ COMPANY OFFICER: _____

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND WAIVERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO FIRE ADMINISTRATION AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO REQUESTED RIDE ALONG DATE.

FIRE ADMINISTRATION IS LOCATED AT 21699 WEST YUMA ROAD, SUITE 101, BUCKEYE, AZ 85326

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____ do willingly participate in the City of Buckeye Fire Department Ride Along Program, in that I will be riding with City of Buckeye Fire Crew, in a City of Buckeye Engine or Ladder Truck while on routine & emergency operations.

I hereby waive any and all rights, claims or causes of action, which may arise against the City of Buckeye; it's liability carrier and any or all employees of said City on account of my participation in the Fire Department Ride Along Program.

I hereby acknowledge that I assume responsibility for any accident or injury which may befall me while so engaged, and forever release the City, it's Fire Department, it's liability insurer and all employees of the City from any claim, whether it be based on negligence, inadvertent or unforeseen incidents. I further represent that I understand all risks involved and agree that this waiver and release shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, administrators and assigns.

I HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE ENTITLED WAIVER; THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING THEREOF; AND THAT I HAVE SIGNED FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AFTER SO READING.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian (MUST BE NOTARIZED if applicant is less than 18 years of age)

Dated at the City of Buckeye, Arizona, this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

ALL CITIZEN OBSERVERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY NOTARIZED WITH THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE.

Notary Stamp Below

Notary Signature

Date

County

Exp. Date

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PHOTO RELEASE AND WAIVER

EXPLORER PROGRAM

DATE: _____

I hereby grant permission to the City of Buckeye Fire Department (hereafter Fire Department) to use my likeness and/or that of my child/children and/or family, whether through the use of photographs, film, videotape, or other media, for the Fire Department promotional and public outreach purposes. I understand that my likeness may be used in Fire Department publications, literature, and internet, or other visual means that the Fire Department may choose to use to promote its activities.

In connection with the above paragraph, I hereby release and waive any claim I may have against the Fire Department, its officers or employees.

Name of Participant: _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian of minor child: _____

Address of Participant: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Signature of Participant:

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Participant is a Minor:

Date:



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Fire Explorer Oath of Office

I, _____, being first duly sworn upon oath, do depose and say, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Arizona, and faithfully and impartially discharge and perform the duties of the City of Buckeye Fire Department, to serve my community, to help those in need, to save lives, and to perform my duties with courage, bravery and selflessness, according to the best of my ability, so help me God.

On the _____ Day of _____ in the Year _____

Fire Explorer Signature: _____



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

I, _____, have received, read, understand, filled out and returned all of the documents listed below:

- Explorer Contact Information Sheet
- Ride A Long Permission Slip
- Oath of Office
- Photo Waiver Form
- Acknowledgement Form

I, _____, have received and read a copy of the Explorer Handbook, which outlines the requirements, standards, expectations, and responsibilities, objectives, attendance and personal appearance of the Explorer Program.

I have familiarized myself with the contents of this handbook. By my signature below, I acknowledge, understand, accept and agree to comply with the information contained in the Handbook provided to me by the City of Buckeye Fire Department. I understand this handbook is not intended to cover every situation which may arise during my time as an Explorer but is simply a general guide to the requirements, standards, expectations, and responsibilities, objectives, attendance and personal appearance of the Explorer Program.

Applicants Name

Date

Parent Name

Date