



Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Junior Program / Explorer Post 43

Welcome!
Parent/Guardian Information

Thank you for showing interest in our program for Young Adults 14-21 years of age. Your child has expressed interest in joining our Junior Program. This group is associated with both the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and the Boy Scouts of America. Within the EVFD they are known as ***Juniors*** and within the Boy Scouts of America they are known as ***Explorer Post 43***.

We (the Adult Advisors) would like to highlight a few of the duties that a Junior may be involved with. At ANY time, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the Adult Advisors.

As active as we would like your child to be, we must all agree that there are priorities in life. Your child's family life, academics, job requirements, and other personal/private issues all come before the Fire Department. At times, we may ask for additional involvement, but only without interfering with the above. Additionally there may be times when we ask your child to take a step back from the program, or possibly a leave of absence, should he/she not be able to meet our requirements.

Things Explorers DO as a member of the Junior Program:

- Attend weekly training sessions (Dates TBD)
 - May be trained on topics for familiarity and understanding of normal operations, i.e.: Aerial Ladder, Hydraulic Tools, Water Rescue, Breathing Apparatus and other specialized fields.
- Respond to Fire related incidents
 - Alarms of Fire
 - Confirmed Fires
 - Brush Fires
 - Misc. other Fire/Rescue calls
- Ride on Fire Apparatus
- Attend Public Relation Events
- Assist in Fire Prevention Education
- Obtain basic level fire service training in preparation to become a regular member of EVFD.

Things Explorers CANNOT DO as a member of the Junior Program:

- Not respond to specific incidents.
 - Confirmed HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) Incidents
 - Mutual Aid (Out of Town/Jurisdiction)
 - Incidents on Limited-Access Highways
- Not Enter Burning Buildings
- Not use Hydraulic tools
- Not climb ladders over 35'
- Not Drive Fire Department Vehicles

This is a basic outline of what your child is allowed and not allowed to do. These rules are created in order to provide a SAFE and Educational atmosphere, and are in accordance with the rules set forth by the Boy Scouts of America.

Respectfully,
The Adult Advisory Committee