

Xenia Township Fire Department

Explorer Post #29
8 Brush Row Road
Xenia, OH 45385

Fire Explorer Post #29

The Xenia Township Fire Department Fire Explorer Post #29 Program was started in 2002. The purpose of the program is to provide youth participants (Fire Explorers) with hands-on emergency medical training, work experience at fire stations, training in firefighter skills and volunteerism for the community.

Explorers are required to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours per month to the department and program. This may be done in a variety of areas such as teaching or helping teach CPR, helping at a fire station open house, public education events, Explorer Post fundraisers, Boy Scout functions we are invited to, or attending meetings and trainings. Explorers are responsible for responding to all call-backs, and call backs WILL NOT be activated during Xenia High School hours which are 7 AM to 2:23 PM. Explorers may not be called away later than 10 PM on school nights. Explorers will also be responsible for keeping track and taking care of their turnout gear, which will be assigned by the Post.

The Explorer Post Program is a tremendous asset to the Xenia Township Fire Department. It has provided the department with an opportunity to train future firefighters and to possibly take on new members. It is also a great way to gain knowledge about the Fire Service and its many opportunities, learn the basic skills of a firefighter and get support, encouragement and insight into pursuing a career in the Fire Service.

Current requirements to apply for the Xenia Township Fire Explorer Program are:

- Must be 14-21 years of age
- Complete an application
- Go through a selection board interview
- Have a background check
- Take a physical agility test
- Have a good driving record if you are licensed
- Be certified in Professional CPR and First Aid or be able to achieve certification within six months

For more information, call Xenia Township Fire Station #1 at 937-372-7857.

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Summary Statement of Overall Purpose/Goal of Position

To respond to fire alarms, medical emergency and other calls to protect life and property; and to participate in fire prevention, training, and station and equipment maintenance activities. Receives direction from higher level supervisory and management staff.

Physical Demands: In addition to the minimum requirements and the job duties listed for this position, the following are required: Duties require sufficient mobility to work in a typical fire operation setting and use standard office equipment, (including a computer), vision to read printed materials and a VDT screen, and hearing and speech to communicate in person or over the telephone. Must be mobile, able to sit, stoop and climb. **No** accommodation can be made for these physical demands.

NOTE: Applicants may submit a pre-placement physical.

Examples of Duties: (The following is used as a partial description and is not restrictive as to duties required).

- Respond to fire alarms with assigned company; lay and connect hose; hold nozzles and direct water streams; raise and climb ladders.
- Respond to a variety of general emergency rescue calls including auto accidents, gas system leaks and wild land and structural fires, search and rescue incidents.
- Operate a variety of portable firefighting equipment including extinguishers, pike poles, hand lines, smoke ejectors, salvage covers, forcible entry tools, self contained breathing apparatus, aerial ladder equipment, emergency medical and other rescue equipment.
- Administer medical aid and assist paramedics at medical emergencies.
- Participate in fire drills; attend training sessions which include fire fighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.
- Participate in station maintenance work.
- Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

Minimum Qualifications: Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. Must become CPR certified within 60 days of acceptance.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Knowledge of:

- Basic principles, practices and procedures of modern firefighting.
- Fire apparatus, equipment, tools, devices, facilities and their proper use.
- Ability to:
 - Learn to analyze fire and emergency situations and adopt effective course of action.
 - Learn to operate and maintain voice radio equipment.

- Learn to understand and act in accordance with departmental policies, rules, and instructions in the field of firefighting.
- Learn to apply firefighting techniques and procedures.
- Demonstrate physical aptitude at a level required by general firefighting activities.
- Think and act quickly and effectively in emergencies.
- Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.
- Perform heavy lifting and physical maneuvering.
- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.