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NAPERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

EXPLORER POST #911 *Official Manual*

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PURPOSE:

To give the Explorer an opportunity to better understand the firefighter's role and function in the community, and to broaden the Explorer's knowledge of the basic firefighting procedures. Also, to give the Explorer the chance to work as a team to accomplish common goals, instill a sense of pride in our American Heritage, and prepare members for leadership roles and societal responsibilities in America and other forums of the world.

SCOPE:

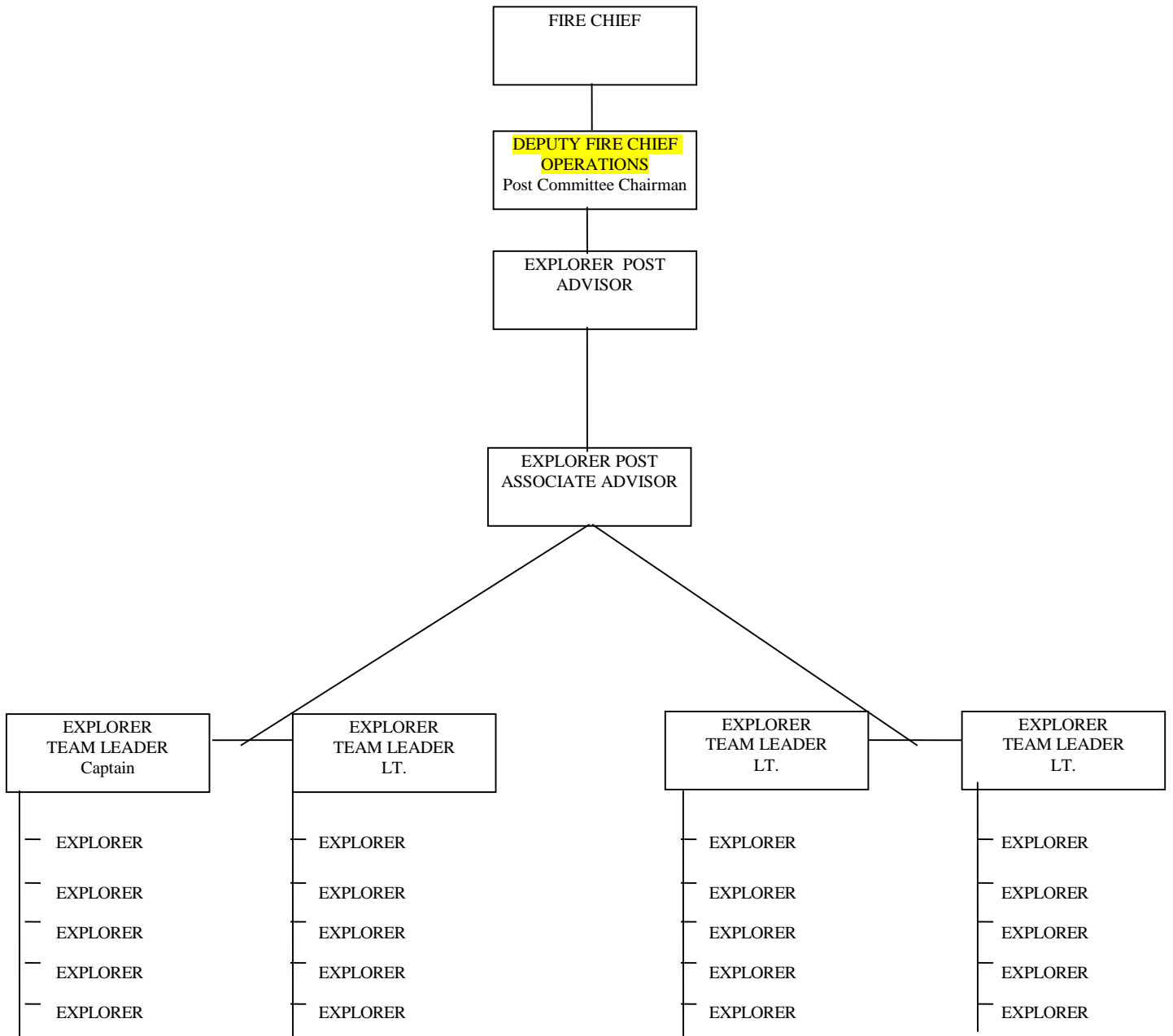
To provide the Explorer some insight and practical experience in the fields of firefighting, fire prevention, and emergency medical care through closely supervised training following Fire Department standards as well as the Fire Explorer Program Guide. Safety and discipline are key items that will be adhered to at all times. General meetings will be run by the Explorers themselves, with guidance received from advisors, instilling a sense of leadership.

BENEFITS:

This program will be beneficial to all parties involved. Not only will young men and women become familiar with the fire service, but the Fire Department will have extra hands to help with small projects such as Fire Prevention Week and Safety Town. In addition, from a public relations standpoint, this type of project will be extremely helpful by assisting young adults in making sound career decisions, with the possibility of them becoming Naperville's future Firefighter/Paramedics.

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FIRE EXPLORER PROGRAM**

TRAINING OUTLINES

The purpose of these training outlines is, to provide a standardized guide to teach interested participants the basics of firefighting and emergency medical care.

Fire Explorer Class I provides classroom learning in History, Tradition and Orientation of the Fire Service. It also provides an understanding of the policies and procedures of the Naperville Fire Department, while giving the candidate limited hands-on exposure to fire department equipment.

Fire Explorer Class II gives the candidate a closer look at fire department operations and equipment. While still in a classroom setting, more attention will be placed on practical use, care and operation of equipment. It is focused on providing the candidate the opportunity to learn how to use the equipment safely and effectively.

The intention of this training program is to provide a safe and interesting experience for young men and women who express an interest in the Fire Service.

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FIRE EXPLORER CLASS I

OBJECTIVE: Introduce new members to Fire Exploring, the Fire Service and the Naperville Fire Department.

I. ORIENTATION

- A. History of the Fire Service
- B. Organizational structure of the NFD
 - 1. Chain of command
 - a. one person in charge
 - b. teamwork
 - 2. Job Requirements
 - a. General
 - b. Specific to NFD
- C. Organizational structure of Exploring Division
 - 1. Chain of command
 - 2. Membership Requirements
 - a. advancement through classes
- D. Fire Department shift schedule
- E. NFD Rules and Regulations
- F. The Firefighter/Paramedic job description
 - 1. Basic duties
- G. Community Relations
- H. Record Keeping
 - 1. Post training records
 - 2. Other records as needed

II. SAFETY

- A. General safety precautions
 - 1. In-station
 - 2. On incident
- B. Personal safety
 - 1. In-station
 - 2. On incident
 - a. Full protective clothing

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III. APPARATUS ORIENTATION

- A. Purpose and Scope of Operation
 - 1. Command Vehicle
 - 2. Ambulance
 - a. BLS supplies and capabilities
 - b. ALS supplies and capabilities
 - 3. Engine Company (Pumper)
 - a. tools and equipment
 - 4. Ladder Company (Truck/Hook & Ladder)
 - a. tools and equipment
 - 5. Support and Specialty Companies
 - a. Squad
 - b. Hazardous Materials Unit

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Importance of clear communications
- B. Written
 - 1. Grammar and Punctuation
- C. Verbal
 - 1. face to face
 - a. importance of listening
 - 2. Radio usage
 - a. short specific terms (plain English)
 - b. prioritization of radio traffic
- D. NFD radio designations
- E. Exploring Division radio designations
 - 1. Post telephone re-call plan
- F. NFD Incident Command System

V. FIRE PREVENTION

- A. Need to Educate the Public
 - 1. In-Station Tours
 - 2. Fire Prevention Week
 - a. History
- B. Inspection of property
 - 1. Public
 - 2. Private
- C. Elimination of Hazards before they become Fires

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VI. FIRE SCIENCE

A. Fundamentals of Combustion

1. Definition
2. Oxygen
3. Heat
4. Fuel
 - a. solid
 - b. liquid
 - c. gas
5. Chemical Chain Reaction

B. Phases of Fire

1. Incipient
2. Free Burning
3. Smoldering
 - a. Flashover
 - b. Backdraft

C. Heat Transfer

1. Conduction
2. Convection
3. Radiation

D. Classification of Fire

1. Class A
2. Class B
3. Class C
4. Class D

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FIRE EXPLORER CLASS II

OBJECTIVE: Provide the Fire Explorer with basic manipulative methods, techniques and skills in accordance with the standards of the Naperville Fire Department.

VII. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

- A. Hand tools
 - 1. Proper usage
 - 2. Care and Maintenance
- B. Power tools
 - 1. Proper usage
 - 2. Care and Maintenance

VII. HOSE LINES AND APPLIANCES

- A. Types of hose
 - 1. Large Diameter
 - 2. Small Diameter
 - a. Plastic
 - b. Cotton
 - 3. Maintenance
 - a. Drying after use
 - b. Inspection and Testing
- B. Types of Nozzles
 - 1. Handheld
 - 2. Unmanned
 - 3. Nozzle Maintenance
- C. Appliances and Fittings
- D. Making / Breaking connections / and using fittings
- E. Types of Hose Loads
 - 1. Pre-Connected Lines
 - 2. Forward Lay
 - 3. Reverse Lay
- F. Operations of Nozzles and Appliances
- G. How to Roll and Unroll Hose
- H. How to Pull a Hose Line
- I. Advancing a Hose Line

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1. Dry
2. Charged

J. Making a Hydrant Connection

VIII. LADDERS

A. Types of Ladders

1. Ground
2. Aerial

B. Ladder Components

1. Rungs
2. Beams
3. Locks / Dogs, (Halyard)

C. Inspection and Maintenance of Ladders

1. Annual Testing

D. Ladder Carries

1. Arms Length
2. Shoulder
3. Flat

E. Proper Raising and Lowering Techniques

1. Beam
2. Flat

F. Climbing and Heeling/Footing Ladders

IX. ROPES & KNOTS

A. Types of Rope

B. Inspection and Care of Rope

1. Cleaning and Drying
2. Storage

C. Parts of a Knot

1. Bight
2. Loop
3. Round Turn
4. Standing End
5. Running End

D. Tying Knots

1. Square Knot, Clove Hitch, Bowline, Figure Eight, Safety
2. Hoisting Tools and Equipment

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X. WATER SUPPLY

- A. Sources of Water Supplies
 - 1. Direct Pumping
 - 2. Gravity Systems
 - 3. Combination Systems
- B. Distribution Systems
 - 1. Water Mains and Valves

- C. Hydrants
 - 1. Types
 - 2. Operation

XI. SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

- A. Types
 - 1. Advantage of Positive Pressure
- B. Inspection and Care of SCBA
 - 1. Daily Operational Checks
- C. Donning SCBA
 - 1. Over-the-Head
 - 2. Coat Method
 - 3. In-Seat Method

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**NAPERVILLE FIRE EXPLORER POST
Ride Along Program**

Purpose:

To give the Explorer an educational experience to observe and interact with Naperville Firefighters, as they perform their job in the fire station and public environment.

Requirements:

Engine, Truck, or Squad Company:

The Explorer must reach a Class 1 training level.

-The Explorer must have reached his/her 16th birthday.

-The Explorer shall have finished their probationary period (minimum 6 active months with the post).

-The Explorer must have the approval of the Post Advisor or one of the Associate Advisor's and the appropriate Battalion Commander.

-The Explorer must have read a copy of the Official Manual and know all of its contents.

-The Explorer must have the Consent and Waiver and Release Form completed prior to the ride-along.

-The Explorer must complete a bi-annual ride along competency with a score greater than or equal to 80%.

RIDE ALONG PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines that the Naperville Fire Explorers are responsible for while riding with any Naperville Fire Department Unit. Any Explorer riding will have already met the pre-requisite terms for the type of ride along requested, as described in the Explorer Post Manual. It should be remembered that the Explorer must follow all rules and regulations set by the Naperville Fire Department as well as the Explorer Manual.

ENGINE, TRUCK, OR SQUAD COMPANY:

1. The Explorer will be in complete uniform as outlined in the Explorer Post Manual.
2. The Explorer shall report to the Company Officer at the Station and time, designated on the Ride Along Request Form.
3. The Explorer shall ride until the time designated on the Ride Along Request Form.
4. The Explorer will be under the direct supervision of the Company Officer or his designate, while on the Ride Along.
5. The Explorer shall not enter any structure or property that is or could possibly be involved with fire during an incident. The Company Officer, at his discretion, may after an incident is terminated, show or explain his actions or show building conditions to the Explorer.

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6. While the Company Officer is actively involved with the incident; the Explorer shall stay with the pump operator on the outside of the structure. If for some reason, the pump operator is unavailable, (i.e. First Engine to a High Rise Response) the Explorer shall stay with the vehicle, and report directly to the Battalion Commander on his arrival.

The Explorer must be aware that a Ride along may be canceled at any time, at the discretion of the Company Officer, Battalion Commander or Deputy Chief due to Staffing or any other Special Circumstances or considerations. The completed ride form must be to the Deputy Chief 10 days prior to the specified ride date.

Insurance:

- Every Explorer will be covered by the BSA insurance policy and have signed, with his/her parents, a general release form.

Complaints:

- Any complaints about the Explorer will be directed to the Battalion Commander who will, in turn, contact the Post Advisor or his Associate Advisor and proper action will be taken.

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OPERATIONS MANUAL**

INTRODUCTION

1.1 **The Naperville Fire Department.** Explorer Post #911 was established to offer young men and women an insight to the field of fire and EMS services. At the same time, the post members provide services to the fire department and the community while also keeping in step with the Exploring guidelines set forth by the Boy Scouts of America. This official operations manual, herein referred to as "Official Manual," was established to maintain order, discipline, and standard procedure within the post. Naperville Fire Explorer Post #911 members, herein referred to as "Explorers" or "members," must abide by this Official Manual in order for the program to be continually successful in the Naperville community. All members are bound by the rules and regulations set forth in this Official Manual and the authority of this Official Manual may not be superseded except by the Fire Chief or the Post Advisor.

1.2 **Each and every member** of the post is responsible for active knowledge of all sections in this Official Manual. Ignorance of the guidelines set forth by this Official Manual will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action against violators.

POST ORGANIZATION/STRUCTURE

2.1 **Departmental Authority.** The Naperville Fire Department's Firefighter Exploring program, formally known as Naperville Fire Explorer Post #911 is, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America, an official program of and sponsored by the Naperville Fire Department.

2.2 **Fire Chief.** The Fire Chief of the Naperville Fire Department shall be the final authority on all matters pertaining to the Post and its operations.

2.3 **Post Committee Chairman.** The Fire Chief shall appoint a liaison between the department and the Post whom shall act as the Post's Senior Advisor. The Senior Advisor shall be responsible for overall supervision of the Post and its activities.

2.4 **Post Advisor.** The Senior Advisor shall appoint a Post Advisor. The Post Advisor shall assist the Senior Advisor with supervision of the Post and its activities. The Post Advisor will serve as Senior Advisor if the Senior Advisor is temporarily unable to perform his/her duties.

2.5 **Associate Advisor Administration.** The Associate Advisor shall stand in, when needed, for the Advisor and is responsible for recruiting new members, recognizing achievements, staging ceremonies, etc. The Associate Advisor is also responsible for organizing the day-to-day operations including scheduling of Post meetings, activity planning, tabulating the interests of Post members, evaluating activities, coaching

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activity chairmen, and other functions. The Associate Advisor shall work closely with the Post Advisor to ensure the success of the program.

2.6 **Post Command.** The following are official titles for the Post's youth membership and its command staff:

One (1) Administrative Team Leader

Two (2) Training Team Leader

Two (2) Operations Team Leader

Twenty Five (25) Explorer Firefighters/ Probationary Explorer Firefighter's

2.7 **Authority of Rank.** The authority delegated or granted to the Post Command Staff and its delegates (i.e.: Team Leaders, Acting Team Leaders, etc) shall include supervision over any subordinate Post members when necessary for effective administration, Post operations or when the conduct of subordinate members is contrary to Post policy and/or Official Manual regulations. This authority shall be exercised with the utmost discretion. Members whom hold rank should avoid giving direct orders to personnel not assigned to their immediate control, except when required to do so as outlined in this Official Manual. If this is necessary, the subordinate's direct supervisor should be told at once along with his/her respective supervisor.

2.8 **Lines of Control.** Lines of Control are established in conformity with the organization of the Post to permit delegation of authority, place responsibility, provide for supervision of operations, and to provide for coordination and effort.

2.9 **Unity of Command.** Each Post member, unit, activity, or detail is under the immediate of one, and only one, person. The principal of command responsibility is in effect. Therefore, each supervisor is responsible for the actions of his/her subordinates.

2.10 **Delegation of Authority.** Supervisors shall make clearly defined delegations of authority so that maximum efficiency may be achieved. Explorer Firefighters directed to act capacities above their ordinary rank or classification by their superiors shall possess the authority of the higher rank for the designated period of time.

2.11 **General Responsibilities of Supervisors.** Explorer Firefighter designated as Supervisors or Command Staff members by virtue of their rank, shall, in conformance with this Official Manual, be responsible for the work of their subordinates. A Supervisor/Command Staff member shall sustain a subordinate who is performing his/her duties. Supervisors/Command Staff members shall investigate any report of laxity in the performance of duty, or any violations of regulations as prescribed within this Official Manual.

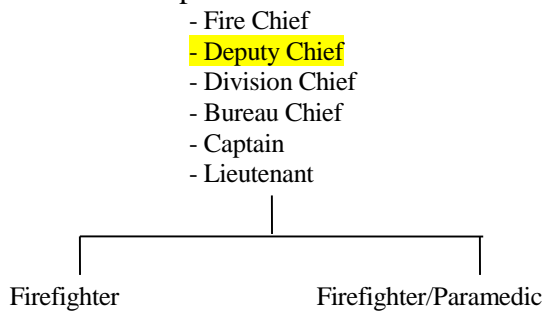
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2.12 **Chain of Command.** The chain of command shall be respected on all matters. Information and communications shall move up and down through the proper channels. It shall be the responsibility of each echelon to forward information and communications to the next higher or lower echelon, together with approval, denial, and/or recommendations.

2.13 **Exercising Authority and Issuing Orders.** Authority in the Explorer Post shall be exercised with firmness and impartiality. Under no circumstances shall personality conflicts or favoritism influence decisions. Each supervisor shall use tact in giving orders and in correcting mistakes, in order to inspire confidence. He/She shall carefully test understanding of instructions, to ensure that subordinates know in detail what they are to do, how to do it, and, if desirable, the reasons thereof.

2.14 **Conflict of Orders.** In the event of a conflict in orders, Explorer Firefighters shall respectfully bring such conflict to the attention of the supervisor giving said order. Should that supervisor fail to rescind the order, such order shall be carried out. The Explorer Firefighter is responsible for notifying the other supervisor of the change in orders as soon as possible unless instructed otherwise. The Explorer Firefighter shall not be held responsible for disobedience of any former order, or any violation of the rules in obeying the last order given to him.

2.15 **Rank.** Firefighter members of the Naperville Fire Department are distinguished by rank, which is assigned in terms of level of responsibility within the chain of command. The descending order of rank within the Naperville Fire Department is as follows:



The descending order of rank in the Naperville Fire Explorer Post is as follows:

- Fire Chief (NFD)
- Deputy Chief (NFD)
- Post Committee Chairman (NFD personnel)
- Post Advisor (NFD personnel)
- Associate Advisor (NFD personnel)
- Explorer Post Team Leader
- Explorer Post Firefighter

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- Explorer Post Probationary Firefighter (6 months or less)

2.16 Advancement in Rank. The Post Committee shall hold a promotional testing procedure that resembles the Naperville Fire Department. This shall be in place, to fill vacancies with the most qualified Explorer candidate. Promotions will be made from an eligibility list in the order of placement on list.

The Promotional list for Team Leaders shall be comprised of the following:

- Merit/Efficiency 25%
- Written Examination 50%
- Oral Examination 25%

2.17 Minimum Qualifications for Command Staff Positions. The following are minimum qualifications that must be met in order to be considered for promotion to each rank (Except temporary acting positions):

TEAM LEADER: 12 months tenure
At least 17 years old
Top 15% attendance

The Promotion Committee may waive the minimum requirements if deemed necessary; however, this necessity must be based upon a lack of qualified candidates for vacant positions.

ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Minimum Standards for Application to the Naperville Fire Explorer Post #911. Explorer Firefighter applicants shall be at least high school freshman, age 14 and not yet 21 years of age. Applicants may be male or female. Applicants must complete the official Naperville Fire Explorer Post application in order to be considered for membership. Applicants must provide at least three references (not relatives) that can attest to the applicant's morals and character. The applicant must also have a stable and at least average, grade point average at his or her school. The applicant must also be free of any past arrests or convictions thereof which may be considered serious in the eyes of the public. The applicant shall submit the completed application to the Post Advisor as soon as possible.

3.2 Selection of Applicants. All applicants must pass a background investigation prior to being admitted to Explorer Probationary Firefighter status.

3.3 Pre-investigation of Applicants. An investigation to determine the suitability of each applicant shall be conducted in accordance with this Official Manual and results of said investigation shall be kept in the strictest confidence. Candidates with serious criminal records, questionable loyalty or morals, or unstable mental or biological health may be rejected if the investigation reveals facts which warrant same.

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3.4 **Consent and Waiver and Release.** Prior to being accepted for Probationary Explorer Firefighter status, and upon each anniversary date, Explorers shall submit the following completed forms:

- Medical waiver and release.
- Naperville Fire Department "Consent Form and Waiver and Release"

POST FUNCTIONS

4.1 **Objective.** It is the goal of the Boy Scouts of America and The Naperville Fire Explorer Post #911 to provide for young adults an effective Explorer program designed to build desirable qualities of character, train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develop personal fitness. There are six experience areas that the Naperville Fire Explorer Post will center its program around. They are career, fitness, citizenship, social, service, and outdoor. The following are some examples of how the Post shall achieve the interaction between the Explorers and these experience areas:

- Training in the Fire Service: CAREER, MENTAL FITNESS, CITIZENSHIP
- Post trip: PHYSICAL FITNESS, OUTDOOR SOCIAL
- Conference participation: CAREER, FITNESS, CITIZENSHIP, SOCIAL, SERVICE, OUTDOOR.

4.2 **Meetings.** The Naperville Fire Explorer Post #911 holds bi-weekly meetings at a specified time and place. These meetings shall be run by the Post Advisor or his designate, and shall be conducted in a business-like fashion. The first part of the meeting shall be used for disseminating information about upcoming activities, projects, questions, etc. The latter part of the meeting will be used for training Explorers in a particular area pertaining to the Fire Service profession. Explorer post members are held responsible for the information disseminated at these meetings, therefore attendance is required. Exceptions to the attendance policy are schoolwork and/or school commitments, family plans, vacations, illness, and other exceptions as cleared through the Post Advisor before the absence. If an Explorer cannot attend a meeting, s/he shall notify a Command Staff member before the meeting and arrange to obtain information disseminated at that meeting. Excessive absences constitutes justification for dismissal from the Post.

4.3 **Attendance.** All members of the post are required to attend 80% of the scheduled meetings, every year of involvement. If the member is unable to attend 80% or more of the meeting dates the member may be dismissed at the discretion of the Post Advisor.

UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT & APPEARANCE

5.1 **Introduction.** The prescribed uniform regulations for the Post shall be broken into a series of parts. The first section dealing with the uniform itself, the second with the rank insignia and ID items, and the third with equipment and proper attire.

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5.2 **Uniform; Explorers shall**, within the first six months of membership have the required uniform items as follows:

- 1 Light Blue short sleeved uniform shirt
- 1 Pair navy blue trousers
- 1 Black belt (plain with silver buckle)
- 1 Nameplate, chrome style with Explorers first and last name imprinted upon it.
- 1 Pair plain black, lace down oxford shoes.
- 1 Pair black socks
- 1 Navy Blue Jacket (Winter style as designated) OR
- 1 Navy Blue Windbreaker (Style as designated)

5.3 **Rank Insignia.** Explorer post Team Leaders shall wear insignia which corresponds to their official rank. A single gold bar on the Explorers left shoulder shall be worn by the Team Leaders. At their own expense, Team Leaders may also choose to wear a single gold bar on each lapel to signify their rank.

5.4 **Return of Post Issued Property.** All property issued by the Post shall be returned upon the Explorers termination or resignation from the Post. Issued property includes: Naperville Fire Department Identification Cards, Firefighting Gear, and Reflective Vests.

5.5 **Wearing of the Uniform.** Each and every member of the post shall be dressed in full uniform when attending any post function except when authorized by the Post Advisor not to.

5.6 **Unauthorized Wearing of Uniform.** Explorers shall not wear the uniform while off duty, except while traveling to and from Explorer functions, on assignment, or with authorization from the Post Advisor.

5.5 **Identification Cards.** Explorer post members shall be issued a Naperville Fire Department Explorer Post ID card which identifies them as an official member of the post. This card shall be worn at all times when in the fire station and as dictated by the ranking Explorer or Advisor. This card remains the sole property of the Naperville Fire Department and may be revoked by the Fire Chief or issuing authority at any time.

5.8 **Members Without Uniforms.** Post members who are still in their probationary period and have not yet obtained the required uniform shall only attend Post meetings and those activities which are designated as not requiring a uniform. For members without uniforms, male members shall wear a sport shirt, clean trousers, and polished dress shoes. Female members shall wear a blouse or sweater, skirt or slacks, and clean polished dress shoes. Denim jeans and jackets are NOT acceptable substitutes for uniforms.

5.8 **Care of Uniform.** Uniforms shall be kept clean and neat.

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5.9 **Posture and Groom.** While wearing the uniform, Explorers shall maintain a military bearing; avoid mannerisms such as slouching, shuffling, and hands in the pocket. Hair-styles and facial hair which materially and substantially interfere with the proper performance of Explorer functions and duties shall not be allowed. Male members shall be clean shaven when in uniform, and their hair shall not extend beyond the shirt collar. Hair on female members can be of any length, but if it is lower than the shirt collar, it must be neatly tied or pinned up.

5.10 **Physical and Mental Health.** Explorers shall maintain a good physical and mental condition so they can handle the strenuous physical requirements of the fire service.

5.11 **Jewelry and Ornamentation.** For the purpose of uniformity while on duty, medical ID bracelets, wrist watches, finger rings and religious medals worn under the shirt are the ONLY types of jewelry that may be worn.

5.12 **Uniform Inspections.** At each general meeting an inspection will be held. This inspection will be conducted by the Post Advisor or his designate.

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APPLICATION TO FIRE EXPLORER POST 911**

PERSONAL DATA:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address: _____ City: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate or Cellular: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___ Sex: _____ Weight: _____ Height: _____

Age (last birthday): _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Fathers Name: _____ Mothers Name: _____

Parents address if different from above: _____

of brothers: _____ Ages: _____ # of sisters: _____ Ages: _____

Drivers license?: _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, Driver's license #: _____ State: _____

Any convictions?: _____ Yes _____ No

In what occupation do you plan to earn your living after you have completed your education?:

Will you be willing to work weekends? _____ Yes _____ No

Exceptions: _____

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EXPLORER APPLICATION (continued)

Please describe any serious injuries or physical limitations for your Explorer duties:

Have you had any police contacts?: _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, describe: _____

Name of your present school: _____

Current Grade Point Average: _____

Are you presently employed?: _____ Yes _____ No How long? _____

If yes, Employer's name, address and telephone number:

Job title/description: _____

May we contact your employer, if necessary? _____ Yes _____ No

LIST 3 REFERENCES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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EXPLORER APPLICATION (continued)

APPLICANT AGREEMENT:

I understand that this is an application for membership in the Naperville Fire Explorer post. If I am selected, I will obey all the rules and procedures in the Explorer Manual and I will follow all post procedures. I understand that if I do not purchase a uniform within the first six (6) months of my membership, I will be subject to removal from the post. I hereby give my permission for the leaders of the Naperville Fire Explorer Post to conduct a background search into my past. I understand that if I give any false information on the application, I will be automatically eliminated from further consideration for membership.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date _____

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CONSENT FORM and WAIVER AND RELEASE**

I have voluntarily applied to join the Naperville Fire Department Fire Exploring Program. As part of that application, I agree and understand that my use of any and all equipment, tools, machinery, and apparatus used in the work of the Naperville Fire Department or my participation in the activities of the Fire Explorer Program shall be at my sole risk. I understand that these activities may include firefighter and paramedic training at the Fire Department as well as at the scene of a fire or emergency call. I further understand that as a participant in the Fire Explorer Program I may be allowed to ride along with trained firefighters and paramedics in emergency vehicles and that participating in such an activity may be dangerous at times.

Based on my understanding and acceptance of the risks involved in participating in the Fire Explorer Program and in consideration of granting my application to be a member of and to participate in the activities of the Explorer Post of the Naperville Fire Department, I waive and release any claims that I may have as a result of my participation in any of the programs described above or in the Fire Exploring Program Guide. The Naperville Fire Department, the City of Naperville, or any of their officers, employees or agents shall not be liable to me or to anyone making a claim on my behalf for injuries to my person or to my property arising out of my participation in the above-described program.

I agree further to release the Naperville Fire Department, the City of Naperville, or any of their officers, employees or agents from any liability resulting from any act or omission on their part with respect to all of the above-described Fire Exploring Program activities during the year 20__.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENTS MUST SIGN BELOW

The undersigned parents of _____, have read and understand the above waiver and release, and give our consent to our son/daughter's participation in the Fire Explorer Program. We promise to be bound by the terms of the above stated waiver and release for our son/daughter and for ourselves.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____