



Apple Valley Fire Department Explorer Post

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Rules and Regulations

- 1. Attendance:** Attendance is required and if you aren't going to be there you need to make the appropriate phone calls. The classes and meetings are all run by volunteers, and if you are not going to be there, classes/meeting topics might need to be changed. The attendance is very important not only for the advancement of the post but also for the competitive value that would be seen at competitions. Therefore, explorers that are involved in the program **can only miss 6 meetings a year or two consecutive meetings without notifying an advisor beforehand.** If you are unable to fulfill the attendance portion of post meetings, you will need to meet with an explorer advisor to see if you will be able to participate in the program.
- 2. Uniforms:** When you are at any Fire Department activity, you will need to be in your approved Fire Explorer uniform. As an explorer, you are not only representing the Fire Department but you also represent the City of Apple Valley and the entire community. The uniform that is to be worn while participating in explorer activities is a post issued t-shirt and/or sweatshirt, this shall be worn to all meeting, competitions, and Fire Department sponsored events.
- 3. Equipment:** As an explorer, you are issued turnout gear and it is your responsibility to keep the gear clean. The Fire Department does have specific washing machines designed for cleaning turnout gear. If you need your gear washed, speak with the advisors and we will arrange a time for your gear to get cleaned. Remember, if your gear is dirty and doesn't look good, the explorer post doesn't look good. **Turnout Gear is not to leave the station and is to be stored in a neat manner at the station.**
- 4. Behavior:** When you come to the meetings, the advisors expect you to act accordingly. The meetings are only two hours in length and usually there is a lot of information that needs to be covered with you. If you are continually interrupting the meeting, you will be given only one warning and then you will be asked to leave the meeting. If you are asked to leave a meeting for any reason, you will need to meet an explorer advisor before you are allowed to return to the next scheduled meeting.
- 5. Face Covering:** As in accordance with MN Emergency Executive Order 20-81, face coverings will be required to be worn while participating in the Fire Explorer program. AVFD will follow recommended cleaning procedures to make sure the station and equipment being used by the explorers is cleaned prior to each explorer meeting.

These guidelines are to help make the Apple Valley Fire Department Explorer Post a very educational and informational place where young adults are able to learn about the fire service.