



## **Burlingame Fire District #6 Explorer Post 600**

### **Exploring the Possibilities**

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### **Standard Operating Guidelines**

The goal of the Explorer Post is to instill values and ethical decision making by emphasizing six areas of experience: Career, Leadership, Service, Social, Fitness, and Outdoor. In order for the post to achieve this goal, it is imperative that the following guidelines be maintained with out exception:

1. All Explorers will be between the ages of 14 and 18. Upon the 18th birthday of the Explorer he/she may elect to join the department as a volunteer or remain an Explorer until their 21st birthday.

2. All members should maintain eligibility and remain in good standing within the school in which the Explorer is enrolled. It is of the utmost importance that an Explorer keep education as his or her number one priority. It is also important to understand that the fire service is an on going learning experience for all, including the most experienced firefighters, and that education starts in school. Eligibility will be policed and approved by the parents or guardian of the Explorer.

3. All Explorers must maintain and adhere to the department's Code of Ethics. As a part of the department, all persons must conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times. This includes times when not directly involved in department training or other department business. Any violations of the following will be handled in a sequential manner. The first offense will be handled with a conference between the lead advisor and the Explorer. A letter will also be sent to the Explorer's parents discussing the violation. The second offense will be a hearing before the post's adult committee, followed by disciplinary actions suggested by that committee. The third offense will be immediate dismissal from the post without appeal. At any time it is the option of the lead advisor to terminate any Explorer without recourse if the violation is severe in nature.

a. Explorers will refrain from showing disrespect towards other Explorers or fire department personnel. This includes, but is not limited to, unwanted name calling, refusal to obey a direct order from a superior officer or ranking volunteer, any racial and/or sexual bias, discrimination of any nature, and unwanted advances of any nature.

b. Explorers will not mistreat department property at any time. Any mistreatment of department property with malice intent will be grounds for termination. All Explorers must understand that department equipment is purchased with the tax moneys collected from friends, neighbors, parents, and those people the department is sworn to protect.

c. Use of illegal substances, including cigarettes, tobacco products, alcohol, and/or any drug not prescribed by a doctor will not be tolerated. This includes non-departmental time, as this behavior is a direct violation of the post's goal, and a violation of state and federal laws.

3. Explorers will be allowed to ride out with responding units as long as there is room for the Explorer on a unit. At all times all Explorers will have seat belts fastened while riding in a department vehicle or an advisors vehicle, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. At no time will a seat on a unit be taken by an Explorer when a full time volunteer is available to occupy the seat. A paging system may be adopted to alert explorers to respond to an alarm. All response will be to the fire station non-emergency. At no time will an explorer be allowed to used red lights and sirens in a privately owned vehicle.
4. While on scene with the department all Explorers will remain in the unit he/she rode in until qualified member of the department allows the Explorer to exit the truck. When an Explorer is allowed to accompany the department he/she will "shadow" a current full time volunteer. At no time will the explorer leave the side of his/her assigned volunteer. Explorers may be reassigned to another volunteer due to the evolution of the incident.
5. At no time will an Explorer be allowed to enter a structure that is involved in fire or in any danger of collapsing.
6. At no time will an Explorer be allowed to engage in active interior structural fire suppression.
7. At no time will an Explorer be allowed to operate any fire apparatus.
8. Explorers will not be allowed to engage into patient care.

This document can be updated and changed as the Explorer program grows and develops. I also accept the changes brought forth by this natural growth process. Significant changes will be the responsibility of the individual explorer to inform and update his/her parents.

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Explorer's Signature

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Explorer's Parent

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Explorer Post Advisor

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Date