

ST.MICHAEL FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER POST 3172
216 Main St S, PO Box 85, St. Michael, MN 55376
763-497-6054

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our Cadet/Explorer program. Enclosed you will find all of the application forms required by the Cadet division of the St. Michael Fire Department and an information sheet that overviews our program. Please fill out and return all of the application forms. The Board of advisors will consider your application promptly and notification of your acceptance or rejection will be sent to you.

An oral interview may be requested of you before the Board makes a decision on your application.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Steve Gutknecht
Cadet Division Coordinator

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

1. Complete the Application as completely as possible. A parent/Guardian must sign the application; for the cadet to be considered for the program.
2. Complete and have a Parent/Guardian sign the Waiver.
3. Fill out the Questionnaire completely.
4. **THIS IS MANDATORY! Please** Fill out the "Learning for Life"/Boys Scouts of America application completely. Be sure to read and follow the directions carefully. A copy of this form will be sent to the Council.
5. **Please return all completed forms to the Coordinator!**

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Cadet Division Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Name of School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Parents or Guardians Name / Emergency Phone Numbers:

Contact # 1 Name: _____

Contact # 1 cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Contact # 1 Email: _____

Contact # 2 Name: _____

Contact # 2 Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Contact # 2 Email: _____

Medical Information:

Name of Primary Doctor: _____

Name of Primary Clinic: _____

Clinic Address: _____

Clinic Phone: _____

Are you currently taking any medications? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list medications: _____

Please list any medical conditions: _____

Please list any known allergies: _____

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Parental Consent Permission Form

Date: _____

Cadet Name: _____

First Middle Last
Cadet Contact Phone Number: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent 1 Phone: _____ Parent 2 Phone _____

The purpose of the Fire Cadet Division is to develop, train, and prepare interested young individuals for a career in fire fighting and emergency medical services. Cadets may also be asked to provide basic types of assistance to the St. Michael Fire Department during and immediately after fire fighting and emergency medical activities.

Many activities fire fighters are involved with are extremely hazardous in nature. Cadets will not enter into these activities. The Cadets will be subject to some moderately hazardous activities however, if they follow directions and act responsibly, and safely at all times during such activities, there should be no concerns.

Transportation to and from the Station will remain the individual Cadet's responsibility.

The Cadet shall not be at the Station or any Department related activity unless an advisor is present, and they have been asked to be there.

The Cadet will follow orders given at all times and will follow the commands of an advisor or supervising fire fighter on trainings/activities. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary actions.

I hereby consent that _____ has my permission to become actively involved in the ST. Michael Fire Department Explorer Program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

I give permission for _____ to participate in Fire Department activities,
And to ride along in Department vehicles in non-emergency situations.

Parent/Guardian Signature

I _____ as an Explorer understand the above information.

Explorer Signature

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Cadet Division Questionnaire

Instructions: Please fill out this questionnaire as completely as possible, answering all questions.

Why do you want to be a Fire Cadet?

Where did you hear about the Cadet program? (Check all that applies)

- ☐ Referred by _____
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Friend – name _____
- ☐ At school
- ☐ Other – please list _____

I am currently certified in: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Standard First Aid
- ☐ CPR
- ☐ First Responder
- ☐ OEC Program

What is your hobbies/interest?

Are you or were you a member of another Explorer Post? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes Where? _____

Do you know anyone in the Fire Service? If so who and how do you know them?

Do you think you can maintain your present grades in school while you are in the Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have a job? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes where? _____

When was you last physical exam? _____

Do you have any physical limitations/medical conditions that the Advisors should be aware of? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes explain:

What do you expect to get out of this program?

Do you or are you interested in becoming a Fire Fighter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any problems working in a group? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please use another sheet of paper to write any further information, questions or concerns you wish to ask us.

St. Michael Fire Explorers - Post 3172

What We Are:

Fire Exploring is a job-shadowing program through the Boy Scouts of America/Learning for Life for youths ages 14 to 21 who wish to learn more about the fire/medical service.

Explorer Post 3172 is operated by the St. Michael Fire Department. The Division was organized in 2002.

The purpose of the Explorer Program is to provide experiences that help young people mature, and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. The program helps develop, train and prepare interested young people for a career in full-time, volunteer or paid-on-call fire fighting and emergency medical services.

The Explorer program is based on five areas of emphasis: career opportunities, life skills, citizenship, character education, and leadership experience.

This also acts as a feeder program for the Fire Department. At the age of 18, cadets may apply to the Reserve Division of the Fire Department and progress through the ranks.

What We Do:

- Classroom trainings touching basics on some Firefighter I, First Responder, Hazmat Ops.
- Train the Explorer to become familiar with the role the Fire Department plays in the community, how it is structured, and how it functions during normal and emergency activities.
- Learn to become self-reliant and self-confident during stressful situations, learn to participate and function as a member of a team, and understand the importance of personal safety as it relates to fire and emergency medical care.
- Hands-on and tactical training to enhance skills.
- Assist with department events such as Open Houses and St. Michael Dazes and Knights, National Night Out.
- Community services projects: collecting toys for "Caring for Kids", Hosting Santa at the Fire Station
- Fundraising: Car wash, selling supporter T-Shirts, Etc.
- Participate in competitions/training events with other Explorer posts.

When We Meet:

Fire Explorer Division meetings/trainings are held every other Thursday evening at 7pm, with the exception of holidays and special events. On occasion they will meet with the Department on a Wednesday evening for joint trainings.

There may be added trainings for special events. All meeting, trainings, and events will be discussed prior to the event.

Benefits:

- Great learning experience and insight into the fire service.
- Offers a chance for community involvement and volunteer opportunities.
- Build lasting friendships in a wide group dynamic.
- Potential recommendation from Advisors to apply for the Fire Department at age 18.
- The program is free to enroll in (Annual dues to Learning of life are paid for by the Department)
- Program expenses (shirt, supplies, etc.) are paid through fundraising and Donations.
- Chances to apply for Scholarships given by the Learning for Life program.

Expectations/Regulations:

- Be respectable and on good behavior at all times.
- We require that you treat any and all information you hear/receive at the Station with respect and confidentiality.
- Treat the equipment and gear with exceptional care, as they are expensive to replace.
- We ask that you keep a 30% of attendance to meeting and trainings.

We are understanding if something arises and you cannot make it to a meeting, we ask that you stay in contact with an advisor, (Whether it is school, sports, or work). Please keep us informed on what is going on and we will try and work with you. If 30% of attendance is not kept up, we may ask that you reimburse for you program fees, and or expenses that were incurred.

(Example: If we meet 12 months out of the year, twice a month, you would need to attend at least 8 meetings for the year.)

- Once enrollment papers are completed and turned in and you attended regular meetings/trainings for three months you will be eligible for an Explorer T-shirt, (if available at that time), to wear to for meetings/trainings & events.
- From date when enrollment papers are completed and turned in and you attended regular meetings/trainings for six months you will be eligible for an Explorer Polo shirt (if available at the time) to wear for special events. We will ask that you take exceptional care of it, as you will only get one!
If an Explorer shall damage their shirt they will need to purchase a replacement one.
- If an explorer has to be talked to by an advisor/fireman for their actions more than three times, they may be asked to leave the program. If they are asked to leave the program for their actions, they may be asked to reimburse the program for fees and return any gear/clothing they may have been given.
- Follow the commands of an advisor or supervising fire fighter on trainings/activities. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary actions.

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