



## LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT



### Fire Explorers: Safety Issues

There are some issues and hazards specific to the Fire Explorer programs that must be considered. These issues are fairly unique compared with other types of Explorer posts, being a direct result of the post's affiliation with the department and the potential for hazards.

The following is a general list of guidelines.

- Explorers may not be substituted for trained personnel.
- Explorers must be equipped with personal protective equipment that is appropriate for the activity being done.
- Explorers may be mobilized only as a post, with required leadership. Explorers are not on call as individuals.
- Explorers who ride on apparatus or other department vehicles must be seated and must wear a seat belt.
- Explorers may not drive department vehicles.
- Explorers may not climb aerial ladders.
- Explorers may not climb ground ladders that exceed 35 feet in length, or not supported against a structure.
- Explorers may not enter or perform ventilation procedures on a burning structure.
- Explorers may not use any tools or gloves on energized electrical equipment.
- Explorers may not operate cutting torches
- Explorers may not operate hydraulic rescue tools or equipment.
- Explorers may not handle life nets.
- **Exceptions:** Using an official training facility, the use of aerial ladders with the appropriate safety equipment, and entering a controlled burn building is approved.
- Explorers may not respond to mutual aid incidents