# South King Fire & Rescue Explorer Post 39
# Explorer Program Application

## Purpose Statement

The **South King Fire Explorer Post 39** program provides motivated high school and college students with the opportunity to explore career pathways in the fire service and related emergency response fields. Through a combination of classroom instruction, hands-on training, ride-alongs, and community volunteer work, Explorers gain a foundational understanding of the roles and responsibilities within the fire service.

The program is designed to promote **personal growth**, **teamwork**, **discipline**, and **leadership development**, while also emphasizing the importance of **effective communication**, **integrity**, and **public service**. Explorers receive structured training in areas such as fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue techniques, and fire safety education.

Participants not only gain practical experience and valuable life skills but also build confidence and connections that will serve them in any future career, whether in public safety or other fields. The Explorer Post 39 program aims to mentor and shape the next generation of civic-minded leaders by fostering a commitment to service, safety, and professional excellence.

## We provide the opportunity for Explorer Participants to

Explore a Career path in emergency services through-

- Fire safety education
- Community volunteer work opportunities
- Learn, drill, and perform Basic duties of entry level firefighter
- Develop Leadership and management skills
- Meet challenges of a highly competitive program
- Understand the competitive application/interview process to gain future employment

**Have fun!**

## Program overview

Fire explorer program is managed by fire officials called “advisors” from South King Fire

## Requirements

Hopeful young adults must initiate application the fire explorer program by contacting the Program Manager/Senior Advisor **Lieutenant Chris Mathis** the candidate will compose a “Letter of Intent” describing:

- Their interest in the fire service or related field
- Goals with participation in the program
- What they hope to earn and contribute to the Fire Explorer Post

The candidate will then have an interview with the program leader and senior explore advisor. The successful candidate will enter the Post.

## Acceptance

Upon acceptance to the program the explorer must:

1. Attend meetings 2x a month, training as assigned, and participate in monthly 12 hour ride alongs.
    a. unexcused absences may be grounds for dismissal from the program
2. Be available to assist in volunteer work experience programs
3. Work proficiently and cooperatively at all assigned duties
4. Maintain an attitude of commitment to learning and growing as a person.

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*Inspiring the Next Generation of Fire Service Professionals*

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## Applicant Information

(Please print clearly)

- **Full Name:** _____
- **Date of Birth:** _____ / _____ / _____
- **Age:** _____
- **Gender (Optional):** ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say ☐ Other: _____
- **Address:** _____
- **City:** _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
- **Phone Number:** (_____) _____ – _____
- **Email Address:** _____
- **Driver's License/Permit #:** _____ (if applicable)

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## Parent/Guardian Information

(Required if applicant is under 18)

- **Parent/Guardian Name(s):**
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- **Phone Number:** (_____) _____ – _____
- **Email Address:** _____

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## Education

- **Current School Attending:**
  _____
- **Grade Level:** _____
- **Current GPA:** _____

**Extracurricular Activities, Awards, Scholarships, or Programs**
(Please list any academic, athletic, community, or leadership achievements)

**Why are you interested in joining the South King Fire Explorer Post 39?**
(Brief response)

**Emergency Contact Information**

- **Name:** _____
- **Relationship:** _____
- **Phone Number:** (_____) _____ – _____

**Applicant Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____

***(If under 18)***