

LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE **INFORMATION:** **EXPLORER PROGRAM** **SUNDAYS FROM 6 A.M. TO NOON** (excluding holiday weekends)

Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Explorers prepares individuals aged 15 1/2 to 21 for careers as firefighters. The program meets every Sunday from 6 a.m. to noon to develop essential skills. Admission is highly competitive and requires a physical examination, written test, and interview.

RECRUITMENT

Program recruitment is held twice a year, in January and July, and lasts three weeks. The process is designed to reflect the firefighter application process. Serious applicants are encouraged to prepare for physical training and departmental research in advance of the recruitment process.

First Sunday: 1-hour orientation

Second Sunday: Written test based on the orientation packet and a physical test that simulates the physical standards of our fire academy.

Final Sunday: Oral board interview

Upon successful completion of the recruitment process, individuals will begin training the following Sunday at 6 a.m.



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ADVISORS

All our advisors are professional firefighters employed by the city of Las Vegas. They volunteer their time on Sundays to train the explorers and do not receive any compensation for their efforts. Many advisors were explorers themselves and are giving back to the program that helped them achieve their career goals. Advisors include all ranks, from firefighters to fire captains.

PROGRAM STANDARDS

This program closely follows the standards of the official Las Vegas Fire and Rescue fire academy to ensure our members are fully prepared to exceed all expectations and standards when they are accepted into a fire academy.

PARTICIPATION

While participation in the Explorer program does not guarantee a spot in a fire academy, it fully prepares participants for the testing and interview process. Individuals who spend over a year in the Explorer program have a very high success rate in fire academies.

FEES

The only fee associated with this program is a one-time payment of \$50, payable by money order. This fee goes directly to the Boy Scouts of America for liability insurance. All fire equipment and turnout gear loaned to the explorers are provided free of charge by Las Vegas Fire & Rescue. Our advisors work on a volunteer basis and do not receive any compensation.

ATTENDANCE

Meeting attendance is mandatory; however, we understand that members have other obligations. We ask that members attend the majority of Sunday meetings. If a member needs to miss a meeting, they should provide timely and appropriate communication.



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