

# 2020 Explorer Program FAQ

**When will we meet and how often?** We will meet every Monday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Clackamas Fire Training Center. We will occasionally have opportunities to participate in community events and additional training on Saturdays, as they arise.

**Can I do high school athletics or activities that need me on Mondays, along with the Explorer Program?** Should a candidate have a high school athletic or activity commitment on Monday evenings that involve practices, games, etc., the candidate cannot effectively be an Explorer and get the level of training required to advance and progress with the class expectations. The candidate must be all in.

**What kind of training will we do?** The program has been specifically designed to teach aspiring youth very basic forms of firefighting skills and team work. They truly go hand-in-hand. Explorer's will learn the Clackamas Fire core values of integrity, courage, respect, and accountability, and then incorporate a training program involving Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), fireground tactics, radio communication, fire apparatus familiarization, and much more.

**Does the program promote and support Explorer safety and health?** You bet! We have designed the program to be physically challenging while considering the age and body types of our youth that will be participating. We have partnered with our Wellness Division and have designed custom workouts and active warm-up drills that are done before every drill that help prevent injury. Also, Explorers will not be exposed to a life-threatening situation at any time.

**Will a uniform be provided?** Yes, shirts, pants, firefighting turnouts, turnout bag, SCBA mask, and helmet will be provided. The Explorer will need to get a pair of black boots and always come to drill with athletic shoes and shorts for physical activity.

**What will be on the test?** Basic math, reading comprehension, spelling, and prioritization.