

Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical
EXPLORER POST

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Best Today for a Better Tomorrow

Explorer of the Year: 2008

Cody Kruger

Cody is a 17 year old senior at Baldwin High School who participates in Cross Country, Track, Letterman's Club and the Winner Circle Group. He has done volunteer work for the Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army.

Cody found out about the Explorer Program during the Spring of 2008 and joined the Explorers in May 2008. He was elected to Captain in the first few weeks of involvement. He looks forward to every Explorer meeting and does his best to work hard and be aggressive at every meeting.

He is currently in the process of enrolling in the firefighter program at Johnson County Community College. His future plans are to complete EMT-Basic Training and an Associates degree in fire science through Johnson County Community College and ultimately work for Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical. He will be following in his dad's (Greg Kruger) footsteps by becoming a firefighter.



Explorer Level

Toby Aldridge & Eric Miller

The Explorer Level is a high achievement for a Probationary Explorer to reach. They have to pass a written test, practical exam and be in good standing with the post. They were presented with a helmet shield to show their individual achievement.

Toby Aldridge passed his Firefighter 1 and 2 certification in 2008. He is currently taking EMT-Basic and Incident Command Systems through Johnson County Community College. He is a volunteer firefighter with the Clinton Township Fire Department.

Eric Miller completed First Responder Training in 2008 and is currently taking EMT-Basic Training through Johnson County Community College. He is a volunteer firefighter with the Clinton Township Fire Department.



Explorers

December-June

- Eric Miller
- Toby Aldridge
- Austin Bryant
- Matt Howell
- Stephanie Perez
- Nate York
- Sam Welborn
- Ryan Heskett

June-December

- Eric Miller
- Toby Aldridge
- Austin Bryant
- Nate York
- Cameron Hughes
- Cody Kruger



First Responder Training

The Explorers continued basic firefighter training in 2008 as well as the monthly EMS training provided by the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Training Division. This training is provided to all first responder agencies in the county. Some of the topics included;

- Spinal Injury/Immobilization
- Scene Safety
- EMS Skills Review
- Abdominal Injuries
- OB/GYN Emergencies
- EMT-I Skill Review

- Triage
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Hazmat Awareness
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Pt. Care Simulations
- Street Drug Review

Station Visits

The Explorers began station visits in August 2007 as a component of their ride-out program. One Saturday a month the explorers assist on duty crews with daily duties and training.

Guest Instructors

In February and March the Post had several instructors come in. These firefighters were pursuing their Instructor I certification through Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute.

Firefighter Tyler Tuckness –Water Supply

Engineer Kevin Hodson –Brush Truck 4

Firefighter John Darling – Common Fire Service Injuries



Kansas City at Night

The Explorers went out of town on October 3rd to experience a Learning for Life program called Kansas City at Night. The mission was to learn about other opportunities and to meet with other explorers in the area. The event began at 7pm and ended at 8am. They went to the Kansas City Zoo, Overland Park Police Department, Nelson Art Museum, KC Scout offices and the Cerner Corporation for some physical training.



Fire Service Exploring

This is for young individuals who are interested in careers in the field of fire and emergency medical services. Overall this is a program that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop. This is accomplished by the post emphasizing in five areas;

Career Opportunities
Leadership Experience
Character Education

Service Learning
Life Skills

Exploring is a national career education program of Learning for Life, a group affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. The program is open for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are between the ages of 14 - 20.



Training Center (1941 Haskell Avenue)

How to Join

More information can be found on www.lawrencefiremed.org or contact one of the following individuals;

Engineer Nate Jamison 785.830.7050 or njamison@ci.lawrence.ks.us
Division Chief Shaun Coffey 785.830.7004 or scoffey@ci.lawrence.ks.us

The Explorers Meet three times a month to go over a variety of topics. Please feel free to come by and check it out. Call first to confirm the location and time.

2nd Wednesday: Fire Training 6pm-9pm
3rd Wednesday: EMS Training 7pm-9pm
Saturday following EMS Training: Station Visit