

Ridge Culver Explorer Post 286

Career Firefighter/Paramedic Caracci

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Introductions

- James Caracci
 - Post Advisor
 - Career Firefighter since 2010
 - Paramedic since 2007
 - BS Fire Service Administration
 - Ridge Culver Explorer Alumni (1996-2000)



Leadership

- Colin Streb
 - Associate Advisor
 - Volunteer Firefighter since 2017
 - Eagle Scout



Leadership

- Dan Custodio
 - Associate Advisor
 - Volunteer Firefighter since 2013
 - Lieutenant



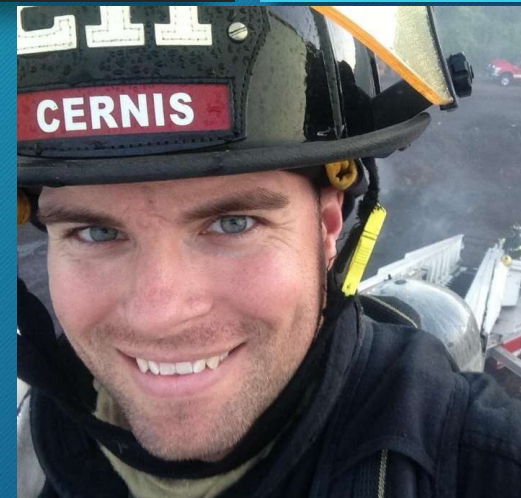
Leadership

- Bill Burkovich
 - Associate Advisor
 - Volunteer Firefighter since 1984
 - Past Chief of the Department



Leadership

- Jason Cernis
 - Associate Advisor
 - Volunteer Firefighter since 2008
 - Municipal DPW Employee





So What Exactly is an Explorer Program?

- Exploring is a subdivision of the Boy Scouts of America
- Learning for Life
- Our Explorer Program is chartered by the Seneca Waterways Regional Council
- A community program designed to immerse youth into a specific career field



So What Exactly is an Explorer Program?

- Helps create dynamic relationships between the youth, the organization and the community
- It works by matching people and resources from within the organization to the career interest of the participants.
- In the end the result is a program of interactive activities that help youth pursue special interest, grow and develop.

About the Ridge Culver Fire District



A Little History Lesson.....

- Ridge Culver was founded in 1921
- We respond to over 2000 calls a year!
- We are a combination of volunteer and career firefighters
- Explorer Post 286 was established in 1966!



Exploring at Ridge Culver



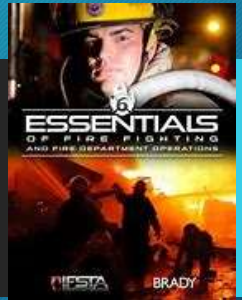
About the Program

- The Post was originally chartered in 1966
- Designed to introduce young people to the fire service
- Through the years we have had over 400 members
 - Too many to count have gone on to become Volunteer Firefighter's
 - More than 70 have gone on to become professional Firefighter's
 - Many others have gone on to other careers in Public Safety.

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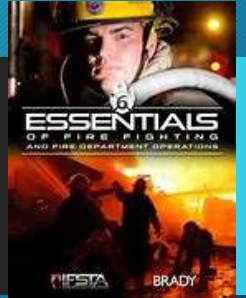
- Post 286 was sidelined due to COVID 19
- Perfect time to reinvent the program
 - New Leadership from around the firehouse
 - Directed to put forth the best of RCFD!
- Past several months brain storming and preparing
 - Keeping the goal of being the best in the region in mind!
- What the team has come up with is very exciting!

About the training!



- Instruction provided primarily by Advisors
- In addition there will be training provided by:
 - Guest speakers from within the department and others
 - Subject matter experts from a variety of public safety backgrounds
 - Fitness trainers
 - Emergency Medical Services providers and more.....

Training Material



- Training is based on the National Fire Firefighter I curriculum
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1001
 - Firefighter I is the minimum certification for all firefighter's
- Very similar to the training firefighter's get
- Establish the same basic knowledge and skills equivalency
- Prepare Explorers for Basic Recruit Academy if they continue on...

Subjects



- Introduction to the Fire Service
- Firefighter Safety
- Communications
- Building Construction
- Fire Dynamics
- Firefighter Protective Equipment
- Fire Extinguishers
- Ropes and Knots
- Ground Ladders
- Forcible Entry
- Structural Search and Rescue
- Tactical Ventilation
- Fire Hose
- Hose Line Operations and Hose Streams
- Fire Suppression
- Overhaul, Property Conservation and Scene Preservation
- First Aid
- CPR/AED

Emergency Medical Services:

- EMS makes up a large portion of our 2000 calls a year
- All of our Career and most of our Volunteer Firefighter's are EMT's!
- We also have plenty of in house CPR instructors!
- Therefore EMS training will be incorporated into the Explorer Training!



Civil Service Testing:

- Career Firefighter's are Civil Servants (employed by the government)
- Any one wishing to become a career Firefighter must first take (and score well) on a Civil Service Exam.
- For those interested in pursuing Firefighting as a career choice, Test Prep will be incorporated!



Training Activities

- As the Explorers build proficiency in subject matters they will be incorporated into Departmental Drill Nights
 - Will allow participation along side the firefighters under the supervision of an Advisor
 - Limited in activity based on the skill level involved
 - Learn from additional firefighters
 - Observe real world application of skills and knowledge
 - Often times cross train with other departments



Additional Activities:

- We are working diligently to provide a extremely immersive and dynamic learning environment for Explorers which will also include:
 - Community outreach programs
 - Participating in parades
 - Working with our Fire Prevention Program
 - Field Trips to other Public Safety agencies
 - Drilling with Explorers from other departments
 - Charity work throughout the community
 - Regional and National Fire Service Conventions.



Ride Along.....

- Explorers will also have the opportunity to “Ride-Along” with Firefighter’s as they staff apparatus and respond to incidents
- Will first have to completed several qualification steps and show proficiency in a variety of subjects
- Will not be immediately implemented into the program but will be something to look forward to in the near future!

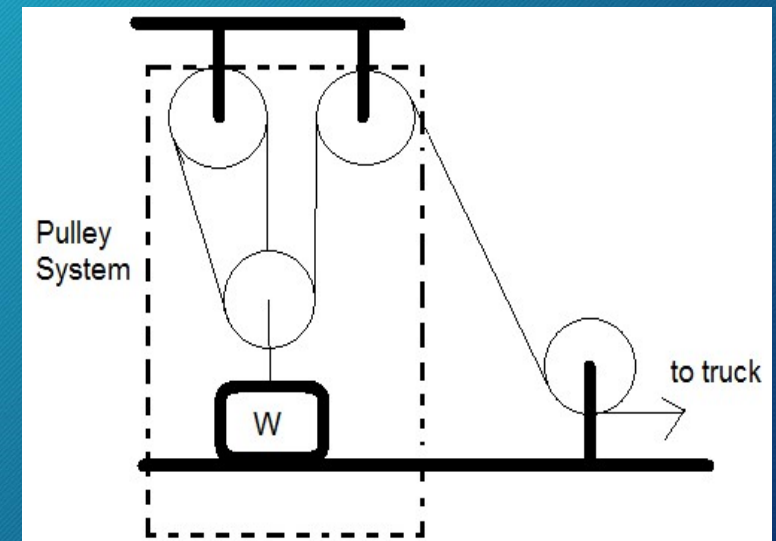
Why become an Explorer?

- Improved self-confidence
- Leadership experience and social network development
- “Hands on” and classroom learning activities
- Community Service Opportunities
- College and Career readiness preparation
- Practical, real-world insight
- Gain life experience

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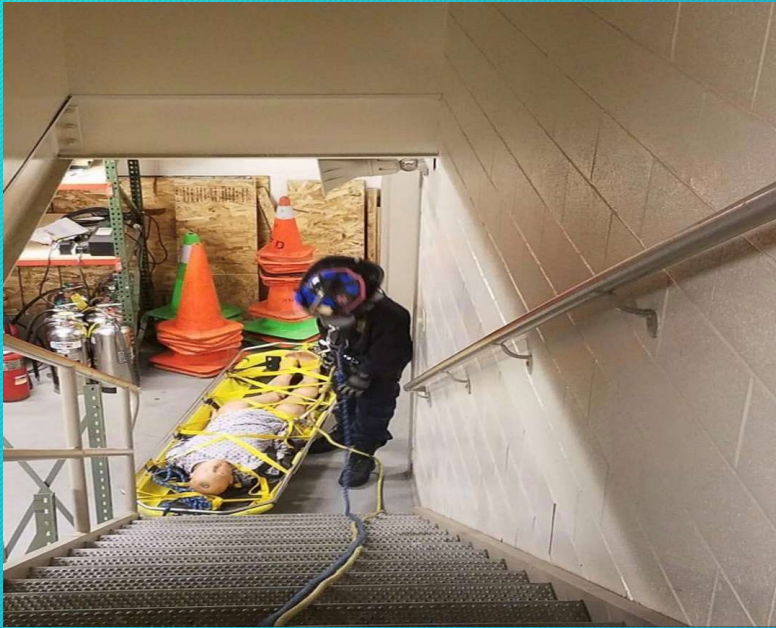
- Develop a working knowledge of the Fire Service
- Help direct career choice early on
- Networking
- Prepare for a career path
- Promote citizenship and responsibility
- Hone organizational skills

- **Development of mechanical aptitude!!!!**











Next Steps

- Download the **Application Form** on the explorer website, <https://www.ridgeculverfire.com/content/explorers/>
- Send completed application electronically to explorers@ridgeculverfire.com or drop off the completed form to the firehouse
- Meeting information will be posted on the explorer website in the coming days

More Information

If you have any questions after the meeting, please contact us at explorers@ridgeculverfire.com

Thank You!
Hope to see you soon

