

EMS Explorer Post Information Sheet



Exploring is a division of the “Learning for Life” program sponsored by BSA for young adults aged 15-18. The program is developed by local community organizations such as businesses, industries, professions, churches, and civic groups to match the interests of young adults with the program resources of the host organization.

The East Baton Rouge City-Parish Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is sponsoring an Explorer Post for youth interested in pre-hospital emergency medical care.

A well-rounded Post Program not only provides career information and experiences, but also includes five other experience areas. These include mental and physical fitness, social, citizenship, service, and outdoor activities.

The goals and purposes of the Emergency Medical Services Post are two fold. One is to assist high school aged youth in defining their present and future roles as individuals within their society. The post will also provide an opportunity for them to gain exposure to certain aspects of emergency pre-hospital medical care and other related fields prior to entering their choice of secondary education.

These goals will be achieved through an extensive and varied program. This includes a Paramedic Unit Observation Program available to interested EMS Explorers upon meeting the requirements for admission.

The current guidelines for participation in the Emergency Medical Post are as follows:

- 1) Membership shall be open to young adults between the ages 15 and 18 enrolled in school or interested in pursuing a medical career.
- 2) A scholastic average of "C" or better (in all Academic subjects) throughout participation in the program.
- 3) Displays maturity and obvious of interest in the program.
- 4) Successful completion of a Post sponsored training program and field evaluation period
- 5) Determination by the Advisors of the Explorer's mental and physical ability to participate in the program.
- 6) Attendance of periodic continuing educational programs and Post meetings.

The Paramedic Unit Observation Program would be available to those interested Explorers who meet the following guidelines:

- 1) Active membership in good standing with the Post.
- 2) Successful completion of all of the following:
 - a) 8-hour CPR course including adult one and two-man CPR, infant CPR, and airway obstruction management for both.

- b) First Responder course as authorized through the State Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
 - c) In-service of equipment on Paramedic Units not covered in other training, i.e., PASG, immobilization devices, ECG monitors, oxygen therapy devices, etc.
- 3) Initial observation under the direct supervision of one of the Advisors in a Paramedic Unit with the Explorer displaying maturity, knowledge, and a working ability of basic first aid, CPR skills, and an interest in continuing in the program.



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