

# Southern Stone County Fire Protection District

## Fire Explorer Post 817

### SOPs

#### *1.1 Program*

Aimed at high school students ages 14-19 to acquaint and involve the youth with the fire service. This program stresses the importance of teamwork and leadership to prepare them to become responsible and caring young adults. The program strives to develop and promote a positive self esteem while providing beneficial life skills

#### *1.2 Activities*

Youth members may participate in activities with the following restrictions

##### *1.2.1 Firefighting*

Explorer post members are allowed to participate on the fire ground once reporting to IC for assignments. Explorers will only be allowed to participate in activities in which they are properly trained for. All explores on fire ground must have NFPA approved PPE. Explorers can not work with charged hose lines larger than 2 1/2". Explorers may participate in wildland fires and rescue operations if properly trained. Untrained explorers may observe fire ground activities.

##### *1.2.2 Drills*

Explorers may participate in drills, live fire trainings and schools of instruction including evolutions, provided they have NFPA approved PPEs.

##### *1.2.3 Social Functions*

Explorers may participate in parties and banquets only upon the approval of the fire chief.

##### *1.2.4 Parades*

Explorers may participate in parades only in uniform or approved gear.

##### *1.2.5 Training*

#### *1.3 Insurance*

Shall be provided by Boy Scouts of America and will include coverage for any accidents or injuries including death that may result from activities associated with the fire explorer post.

#### *1.4 Gear*

*All Explorers shall be provided with proper and adequate gear*

#### *1.4.1 Turn-out gear*

All explorers shall be provided with NFPA approved Turn-out boots, gloves, nomex, pants coat and helmet.

#### *1.4.2 Uniform/Parade dress*

All explorers will provide uniform/Parade dress at own expense

#### *1.4.3 Communication Equipment*

All explorers once achieving level II shall be provided Fire pager.

#### *1.5 Special Events*

These may include field trips and outings to other fire departments, Museums and other activities. It is expected that post members provide for their own meals and necessities while on these outings unless other arrangements have been made in advance by the explorer post.

#### *1.6 Advisors*

Fire Company members will be the advisors for Fire Explorer Post 817. Participants should be interested in working with youth and should be willing to make a personal commitment to participate in the program and provide interesting activities related to the fire service.

#### *1.7 Local Government*

Explorer post 817 will operate with in accordance of Missouri Law, SSCFPD SOPs and Learning for Life By-Laws and Safety Guidelines.

#### *1.8 Participation and Removal/Expulsion*

Participants shall submit to the fire company a written consent form from their parent or guardian. Should a parent wish to withdraw permission, it must be done in writing to the fire company and post advisors. Explorers may resign at anytime with out their parent's permission. Explorers may be suspended ore expelled from the program for serious violation of the rules and or company by-laws that apply to youth members. Written charges against any youth member must be presented to the Post advisors and the fire company and a hearing must take place within thirty (30) days after a violation.\