

Bark River Post 530

In 2007, Hartland, Lisbon, and Merton Community Fire Departments formed a joint training group called “Bark River Emergency Services”. The name was chosen for the river that crosses through all three departments response areas and serves as a reminder that we are first and foremost neighbors. We share our resources and knowledge while working together on both Fire and EMS calls.

In 2018, this partnership continued to grow with the creation of the Bark River Explorers Post 530 to recruit young men and women to train the future of Fire/EMS. The explorer post number “530”, derived from the shared numbers of our zip codes, again reflects not only our geographic proximity but also the common goals and principals we share.



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*Future Leaders Training Now to Lead
the Future*



About the Program:

The Explorer program is for both young men and women above the age of 14.

Exploring is a chance for youth to explore careers in fire and emergency services.

Explorers Post 530 will host meetings twice a month to learn about the operations, procedures and services provided. Trainings will be held Thursday nights from 18:00-20:00

The Explorer program is both very rewarding and enjoyable. You will get a chance to become acquainted with hard working firefighters and EMTs within your community, the county, and beyond.

High school seniors enrolled in the Explorer program have the opportunity to take college courses through Waukesha County Technical College and earn Fire 1 and EMT-Basic as well as college credits.

Better Yourself:

The experience, discipline, and knowledge you will gain will benefit your future whether you decide to become a firefighter or not. You will benefit even more from the program if you do decide to become a firefighter. In the end, it will benefit YOU and the decisions you make in your lifetime.

So, if you think you're ready to better yourself, have fun, experience things you have never experienced, and meet new people...then come join us.

What to Expect:

Explorers participate in a wide variety of extensive emergency services training.

Including :

- ◆ How to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- ◆ Rapidly Deploying Fire Hose
- ◆ How to properly climb a ladder
- ◆ How to don and doff fire gear
- ◆ Splinting and Shock Management
- ◆ Opportunity to observe and possibly participate in trainings held by Hartland, Lisbon, and Merton Community Fire Departments.
- ◆ And so much more!

Physical fitness is an important aspect of both Fire and EMS. You need to be physically fit to accomplish certain tasks that may be given to you at anytime. There will also be a variety of community service involvement in the program.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I become a Fire Explorer?

- You must be 14-21 years old.
- You must live in the area
- You must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better.
- You must be willing to learn and be available to actively participate in various drills, fundraisers, and fire training.
- You must submit an application and pay a \$32 yearly fee. Print youth application at <http://www.exploring.org/fire-ems/> and turn into the Merton Station.

What do Fire Explorers do?

- Attend drills twice a month and practice the skills they are learning
- Assist firefighters during emergency incidents
- Volunteer at special events



Learn to Work as a Team

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