



## How to Start a Post

### 1. Prepare Department

a. Find staff wanting to be advisors

Staff on the department must be 21 years or older and take an online Youth Protection Training course.

b. Allocate equipment

Explorer gear can be expired past NFPA date. MN-FEA also has some gear available for distribution!

c. Create a training schedule

Most posts try to follow similar training to their departments. You can meet every week or bi-weekly, it is up to the post.

d. Draft a Standardized Operating Procedure

You will want to have a set of guidelines your post follows to keep Explorers safe. Examples exist so you only need to change small details for your post.

### 2. Talk with Learning for Life

This branch of the Boy Scouts is the program that oversees all Exploring posts.

### 3. Recruit Explorers!

Hold open houses, use social media, recruit at community engagement event and schools.

## Support MN-FEA Can Provide

- Meet with department leadership and/or potential advisors
- Discuss ways to promote the program and share Open House information
- Review department drills/training plans and assist with adjusting for Explorers
- Assist with obtaining gear

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## **Sample Schedule: Bimonthly Meetings**

Week 1: Introduction Night

Week 2: PPE & SCBA

Week 3: Size Ups

Week 4: Fire Ground Operations: First Due

Week 5: Fire Ground Operations: Hoselines

Week 6: Fire Ground Operations: Fire Attack

Week 7: Water Supply

Week 8: Fire Behavior

Week 9: CPR

Week 10: Automobile Extrication

Week 11: Tools, equipment, forceable entry

Week 12: Tender/brush/aerial trucks

Week 13: Cold Water

Week 14: Building construction

Week 15: Ropes & knots

Week 16: Portable Extinguisher

Week 17: Survival, RIT, Rehab

Week 18: Open Water

Week 19: HazMat

Week 21: State Fair Station: Search & Rescue

Week 22: State Fair Station: Vehicle Extrication

Week 23: State Fair Station: Ladder

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Week 25: State Fair Station: Vehicle Extrication

Week 26: State Fair Station: Ladder