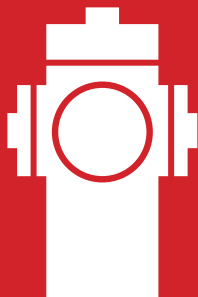




**PORT CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
EXPLORER POST NO. 700**



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These young men and women who are members of Explorer Post No. 700 have demonstrated a consistent dedication to serving their community in many significant ways.

Besides their valuable service, they serve as inspirational and motivational role models for others in the community to see and emulate.

A major part of the Explorers' service to the community is attached to the Port Chester Fire Department. They are active and integral emergency first responders.

They consistently respond to all the working fires at all hours and they provide valuable support services to the Port Chester Fire Department.

With 80 percent of Port Chester housing stock built before 1969, there have been a number of large structure fires they have responded to. Their attentive participation in training with the fire department is impressive and noteworthy.



The Explorer Post No. 700 was also recently very active during the response, recovery and restoration efforts around Superstorm Sandy. In addition to their many hours of support in Port Chester, they have also contributed their time by sponsoring a humanitarian drive for people outside the area that were hit hardest by the storm.

Besides their call to duty as first responders, the members of Explorer Post No. 700 are equally dedicated to a call to honor and can always be counted on to participate in many ceremonial and community events. These young men and women have stood respectfully and attentively in their dress uniforms at several recent wakes we've had for past fire chiefs and for a young volunteer and former Explorer. They are always there and active participants at many veterans and first responder memorial services and parades.

Their call to service goes beyond Port Chester and the fire department. They have dedicated their time to fundraise for the Salvation Army, Blythedale Children's Hospital, Sandy victims and for other community events.

Their dedication, service, reliability and maturity make them stand out in the community. Their fine character and their significant actions combine to make them most worthy of this award.

*Extracted from a letter of recommendation submitted by village of Port Chester Mayor Dennis G. Pilla.*





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