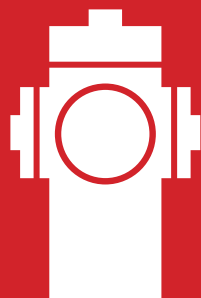




**LAKE CARMEL FIRE DEPARTMENT
EXPLORER POST NO. 2041**



2014 **YOUTH GROUP**
OF THE **YEAR**



2014 YOUTH GROUP OF THE YEAR, LAKE CARMEL FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER POST NO. 2041

The Lake Carmel Fire Department Explorer Post No. 2041 was established in 1969 to give the members' children organized and constructive time at the firehouse. Since then the program has grown, promoting teamwork, friendship, leadership, firefighting and first aid.

Putnam County only has two Explorer posts on the eastern side of the county, so Lake Carmel expanded the program to allow students from surrounding towns and fire districts to join the post. More than 50 former Explorers have left the program and joined their local fire departments over the past three decades. In Lake Carmel alone, eight former Explorers joined the department and went through the ranks to serve as chiefs. Several members have been honored with youth leadership awards from Putnam County.

The Explorers run their own drills, meetings, teamwork challenges and fundraising. They enjoy organizing trips to the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson, the Westchester County Burn Center and FDNY firehouses. The Explorers also participate in the annual state training weekend at the New York State Fire Academy in Montour Falls, training at the FDNY academy and FASNY Convention Youth Day as well as at local county training events. One of the Explorer's biggest ways to develop teamwork is to compete at various firematic competitions and parades.





For the last 12 years, the Lake Carmel Explorer post has been hosting a training and competition weekend. The post arranges participation from local fire departments and hosts a weekend of fun, training and friendly competition between other programs. Many former members return each year to help train at the event, never forgetting where they came from.

The Lake Carmel Fire Department Explorer post takes pride in working side by side with fire departments. They assist the departments at drills, fundraisers and community events. The Explorers enjoy teaching fire prevention and are often called to do so for the local schools in the area. The post has learned the value of respect, the chain of command and never forgetting where they come from.

Extracted from a nomination letter submitted by Lake Carmel Fire Department Past Chief Robert M. Shannon II.

Past FASNY Youth Group of the Year Award Recipients

Year: Youth Organization:

2012 Fairville Volunteer Fire Department Explorer Post No. 751
2013 Port Chester Fire Department Explorer Post No. 700



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