

Fire Explorers Win Scholarships

The International Association of Fire Chiefs is proud to announce that eight outstanding Fire & Emergency Service Explorers have been selected to receive this year's Reed Elsevier Foundation Award for 2009. Each Explorer was selected from a nationwide application process which included: outstanding service to their Explorer Post, to the department and the city of their residence. Each was recommended by their Post Advisor, Departmental Chief, and their Local Learning for Life office.

The scholarships winners are:

Matthew Carmack, Post 1772 with the Gales Ferry Fire Department in Connecticut,
Michael Cote, Post 705 with the Palm Beach Gardens Fire & Rescue in Florida,
Dillion Houser, Post 710 with the Lincolnton Fire Department in North Carolina,
Patrick Kellam, Post 2305 with Fort Oglethorpe Fire and Rescue in Georgia,
Kate Kotechki Post 34 with the Vigilant Fire Company West Seneca, NY,
Joshua Lowe, Post 901 Dekalb County Fire & Rescue Conyers, Georgia,
Samuel Smith, Post 985 Winston Salem Fire Department in North Carolina, and
Kevin Lehberger, Post 1438 Ashland Fire Department in Massachusetts.

On behalf of Fire & Emergency Service Exploring and Learning for Life, we congratulate each of this year's winners. See the Fire Exploring website for applications for the 2010 awards.



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