

Fire Cadet Program

The Fire Department offers a 'Fire Cadet' program to high school students in Excelsior Springs and Lawson. To be eligible for the program the individual must be currently enrolled in high school or vocational school; be between the ages of 14 years and 18 years; maintain a 'C' average in all classes; and be of good moral character. Each participant must have the approval of his or her parents or legal guardian. This program is mentored by FF/EMT Brad Smith who himself was one of the original members of the program and is now a full-time Fire Department employee.

The Cadets are trained in all aspects of Fire Department operations and are allowed to assist at the scene of emergency incidents. They **ARE NOT** allowed to participate in any dangerous activities, but rather to function in a support role to other Fire Department members.

Upon successful completion of their high school education, the Cadet may be offered a position as a part-time member of the Fire Department, predicated upon their meeting the criteria of the Fire Department's candidate review and testing.

Those high school students who desire to learn more about the program are encouraged to contact Brad Smith at the Excelsior Springs Fire Department at (816) 630-3000.