



## LOCAL FIRE EXPLORERS EXCEL AT NATIONAL EVENT

*Join police explorers at Colorado conference*

**City of SeaTac, Wash. August 2, 2012** – Eight Zone 3 Fire Explorers brought home the gold recently when they returned from the National Fire & Law Enforcement Exploring Conference (July 16-21) held in Ft. Collins, Colorado with several first, second, and third place trophies and plaques. Their feat was especially impressive when you consider that the events took place at 5,000 feet above sea level in the Rocky Mountains.

The conference, which has been for Law Enforcement Explorers only for many years, added Explorers from the Fire Service side for the first time in 2012. Over 100 Fire Explorers from around the country attended the conference and competed in individual and team skill events which included:

- **Combat Challenge** – An obstacle course where participants utilize firefighting skills that test ability, speed, and endurance.
- **PPE/SCBA Donning** – Tests the ability of participants to correctly and safely don firefighting clothing and self-contained breathing equipment in a limited amount of time.
- **EMS/Spine immobilization** – Tests the medical skills of Explorers and how well they work as a team to provide emergency care.

The Explorers who attended the conference were from SeaTac, Renton, and Tukwila but represented Zone 3, which is made up of the King County cities and fire districts south of Seattle and Bellevue. The Zone 3 Explorers were the only team to attend the conference from Washington State.

According to Zone 3 Fire Explorer Lucas Crippen who won several first place plaques, “This was the best thing I’ve ever done and I’m looking forward to going back.” Another Explorer, Harry Hause added, “I had to tell myself to relax and just perform like we trained.”

The conference is held every two years at various locations around the country. Explorer Austin Hause, who participated in this year’s event, will be too old to compete when the team returns to the national conference in 2014, but still plans on attending. “I want to stay involved and so I’ll go as an advisor for the Zone 3 Fire Explorers.”



The following Zone 3 Fire Explorers attended the conference:

Lucas Crippen  
Dan Couch  
Travis Keene  
Harry Hause  
Austin Hause  
Will Stanton  
Brendon Landeros  
Jerry Archambault

Zone 3 Fire Explorers display some of the awards earned at the National Fire and Law Explorers Conference

There are other Fire Explorer Posts throughout the Puget Sound area including Bellevue, Duvall, and Woodinville. Explorers train to become the firefighters of the future and learn about fire ground operations, search and rescue, firefighting rehabilitation, advanced first aid, and public relations. These 15 to 20 year olds support their local fire department and provide much needed assistance at emergency scenes.

For additional information on becoming a Fire Explorer go to [Zone3explorers.com](http://Zone3explorers.com).

**About the City of SeaTac:**

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 27,110. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the [Seattle-Tacoma International Airport](http://Seattle-Tacoma International Airport), (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the [Port of Seattle](http://Port of Seattle). For more information contact Jeff Robinson, economic development manager, at (206) 973-4812.

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