BOOK EXPLORERS

Exploring Your Community

Let's Go to the Fire Station

What is a Fire Station?

A fire station is a place where firefighters work and keep their equipment. Fire trucks stay parked at the fire station when they're not being used.

Fire Stations

Fire stations are used for many things. They're places where firefighters go to work and practice for **emergencies**.

Most fire stations have special rooms. Some have bedrooms for firefighters to use if they work overnight. Others have rooms that people can rent for parties.

A Firefighter's Job

Firefighters are men and women who have a big job. They put out fires and are always ready in case of an emergency.

Firefighters also **support** the police. If there is an accident or other emergency, police and firefighters work together to keep everyone safe.

Equipment and Uniform

Firefighters use special **equipment** so they can help people in danger. Some types of equipment are hoses, axes, and ladders.

Firefighters also wear special uniforms to keep themselves safe. These uniforms include helmets, masks, and gloves. Firefighters practice wearing uniforms because they are very heavy.

Fire Trucks

Firefighters drive fire trucks to emergencies. They keep their equipment on the truck.

Some fire trucks have long ladders to help firefighters reach the top of buildings. Fire trucks usually have long hoses attached to them. The hoses help get water to a fire.

Fire Safety

Firefighters teach people about fire safety. They plan programs to share with kids at school.

Firefighters teach people what to do in an emergency. If there is an emergency, people should call 911.

An Important Place

The fire station is an important part of the community. Firefighters are important community helpers.

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