

JACK DUVERNET

learns to fight the flames



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In Preflight



Dutmer: Describe the program you participate in for fire fighting.

Duvernnet: It is a program at Rock Canyon High School. It covers all of the Firefighter 1 basic skills that you would cover in a real firefighting academy. The program is mostly hands-on work with bookwork associated with it. We train with the local fire department which is South Metro Fire Rescue throughout the program. It is a year long program that is four days a week.

Everyone in our fire science program is like a family, we are all really close and hang out a lot. It would be really cool to work a job where every single day is different and you don't know what to expect.

Dutmer: What is your favorite thing about this program?

Duvernnet: My favorite part about the program is everyday we go to class and we go outside and do hands-on activities. There is never a day in the class where we are just

“What inspired me to become a firefighter is that you get to work in an environment that is constantly changing. You get to work with a group of people that become a second family.”

Dutmer: How long have you wanted to be a firefighter for?

Duvernnet: My whole life, ever since I was little. Growing up I would visit my local fire station so much that they would know me by name. One time when my oven caught on fire they recognized me and said “hi” and then put out my oven fire.

Dutmer: What do you enjoy about firefighting?

Duvernnet: I enjoy that I get to do cool stuff like put out fires, cut cars open and the family aspect of the fire service.

sitting and getting lectured. It is all real experience. I also like that when we go out and do scenarios. I get to do them with some of my closest friends.

Dutmer: Tell me about your experience riding along with South Metro Fire.

Duvernnet: I got to see what they do on a day to day basis. I also got real hands-on experience helping with medical emergencies and a car fire. During the car fire the firefighters let me put the fire out with the water instead of just observing.